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Band hopes to aid early graduation

By Sarah Jochems
Statesman Staff Reporter

Students who are taking more than 13 credits will financially benefit from the new credit band that will begin next semester.

"Student will have to pay for their first 13 credits," said Greg Fox, vice chancellor for finance and operations. "Anything after that is free."

Fox said that the downfall of the credit band is that the price per credit has increased.

"As of right now university students are paying approximately \$260 per credit," Fox said. "Next year the cost per credit will increase about \$40 and students will have to pay a total of about \$300 per credit."

Junior Jamie Penick is frowning on the banding credit plan.

"Next semester I am only taking 12 credits. I wanted to take fewer classes to save money and now I am going to be paying more," said Penick.

Fox also said that the cost per credit

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EVELYN Student Opera

Right to left: Tasha Turk playing Rose and Jenny Colaizy playing Janice in the student produced opera Evelyn. See the Centerspread for more details. Also previewed in the centerspread is the opera Gianni Schicchi.

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AP PHOTO

Disc golf hole pictured in the summer.

Duluth prepares for disc golf course

By Erik Lund
Statesman Staff Reporter

Site preparation has been conducted and is awaiting finished fairways and installations for the first public disc golf course in Duluth. The proposed completion date is July 2007.

"This new recreational area, located on city land is along Trinity Road and is adjacent to Lake Superior College (LSC), Enger Park Golf Course and Miller Creek," according to the fundraising pamphlet sent out by the Duluth Parks and Recreation Department (DPRD). "The course will have a mix of tight woods, open spaces and a variety of elevation changes. A number of holes will offer

sweeping views of Lake Superior, St. Louis Bay and Miller Creek."

For those that are unfamiliar with disc golf, it's played similar to traditional golf. Instead of clubs and balls however, specialized Frisbees are used, and instead of holes, a metal basket is the target, according to that same pamphlet. The object of the game is to make the Frisbee in all 18 baskets with the fewest number of throws.

Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in America, and has been around since the mid 1970s. There are approximately 107 courses in Minnesota alone, according to the Minnesota Frisbee Association website.

"Anyone can learn how to play, no matter their style or how fit they currently are," said Jim Topie the Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission vice president, and disc golf Committee Coordinator. "Not just that, but it allows one an opportunity to have fun with family and friends while doing so."

The new course is a result of endorsement by Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson, the DPRD and LSC. The DPRD unanimously passed a motion to begin pursuing funding for the course on Dec 13, 2006. Funding for the new course has consisted mainly of individual donations by various businesses in town, and people who

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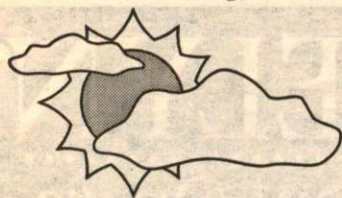
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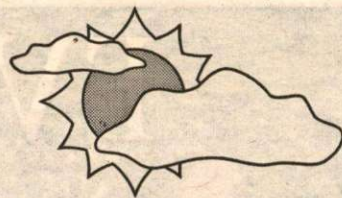
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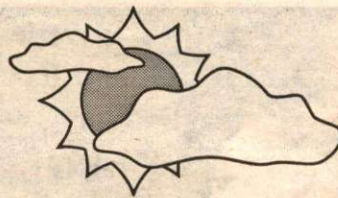
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Saturday



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word of the week

Information from dictionary.com

Prescient: PREH-shuhnt, PREE-shuhnt, adjective
Knowing or anticipating the outcome of events before they happen.

This week in history:

Thursday, April 12

- 1861 - The American Civil War begins with Confederate forces firing on Fort Sumter.
- 1931 - The strongest wind in the world measured at 231 mph was recorded on the summit of Mount Washington.

Friday, April 13

- 1943 - James Boorman, Fred Hunter, Harold Brest and Floyd G. Hamilton take part in Alcatraz escape attempt.
- 1970 - An oxygen tank aboard Apollo 13 explodes, putting the crew into deadly peril.
- 1984 - Pete Rose becomes the first player in National League history to collect 4,000 hits.
- 1997 - Tiger Woods becomes the youngest golfer to win golf's Masters Tournament.

Saturday, April 14

- 1865 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln is shot in Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth.
- 1935 - Babe Ruth plays his first National League game in Fenway Park in Boston, Mass.

Sunday, April 15

- 1865 - Abraham Lincoln dies after being shot the previous evening by John Wilkes Booth.
- 1947 - Jackie Robinson debuts for the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, breaking that sport's color line.
- 1955 - The first McDonald's restaurant opens in Des Plaines, Ill.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK:



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CORRECTION: In the April 5th, 2007 issue of *The Statesman* the article "Burrito Union Ready to open," stated "Fitger's owner Rod Raymond, who also co-owns the Burrito Union..." It has been brought to our attention that Rod Raymond is really the co-owner of Fitger's Brewhouse. *The Statesman* regrets this error.

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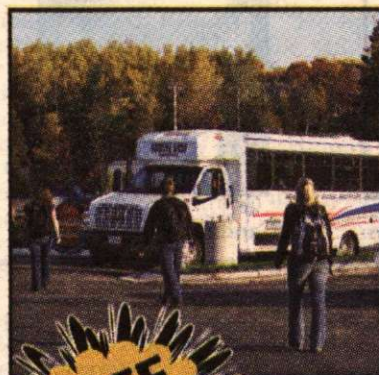
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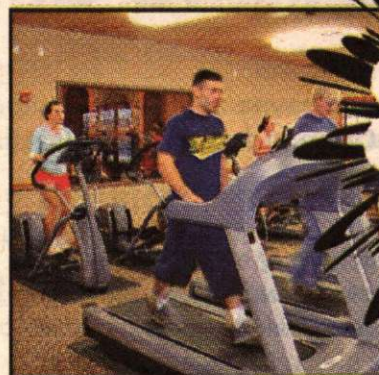
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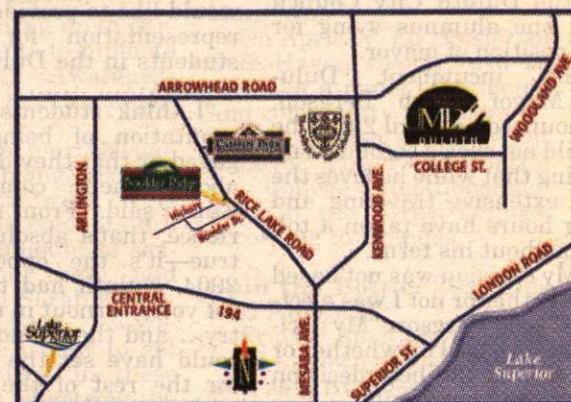
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UMD alumni running for city offices

By Joel Runck
Statesman Staff Reporter

The upcoming elections for mayor and city council in Duluth have strong ties to UMD, with two alumni competing for separate positions on the Duluth City Council and one alumnus vying for the position of mayor.

The incumbent Duluth Mayor, Herb Bergson, announced on April 2 that he would not seek a second term, saying that while he loves the job, extensive traveling and long hours have taken a toll throughout his term.

"My decision was not based on whether or not I was electable," said Bergson. "My decision was based on whether or not it was the best decision for me and my family."

Bergson added that he regrets not being able to spend more time with his brother before his death in January and said that he does not want to experience that same regret again.

Councilor at Large Don Ness, a 1997 UMD graduate, currently stands as one of three candidates competing for the mayoral position. During his years at UMD, Ness served as president of the Student Association (SA) and credits this experience for preparing him with his political pursuits.

"I think that was the key experience in preparing me to run for and to serve on the city council," Ness said.

Other highlights of Ness' career include serving as president of the U of M Student Senate and as a campaign manager for Congressman Jim Oberstar, according to Ness' personal biography.

Dan Hartman is also a former SA president and is running for 3rd District city councilor. As a 2005 graduate with a history major, Hartman is currently employed by the St. Louis County Historical Society and echoes Ness' response in regard to the SA helping him build campaign experience.

"The interpersonal relationships that you learn in student government are almost identical to how they actually are in the political arena," Hartman said.

In the race for councilor at large, Tony Cuneo, is also a 2005 graduate and is currently serving as the co-pres-

ident of Avalon Properties in Duluth. Some of Cuneo's UMD highlights include serving as a member of Wellstone Action and as an organizer for Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG). If he is elected, Cuneo said he would like to provide greater representation for college students in the Duluth community.

"I think students get the reputation of being disengaged or that they don't care about their community," Cuneo said. "From my experience, that's absolutely not true—it's the opposite. In 2004, Duluth had the highest voter turnout in the country... and there's no way we could have set the example for the rest of the country without students participating in that process."

However, don't expect Bergson to support any candidate in the races for mayor and city council during the upcoming elections.

"I'm not going to get into rating any of the candidates," Bergson said. "I've been berated by the city council on many occasions. Often times, certain city councilors tend to spend more time attacking individuals that few citizens care about instead of dealing with the important issues."

Even Ness conceded that he has had his share of disagreements with the mayor during the course of his latest term.

"Our differences are primarily on priorities for city resources and the personal style that we bring," Ness said. "But I don't have anything bad to say about him (Bergson). It's a tough job, and Herb has given his life to the job... and I respect him for that."

Regardless, Bergson said that he would like to leave office on a high note by resolving issues such as the city's \$309 million retiree health-care liability, the DECC expansion and by bringing outdoor retailer Cabela's to Duluth.

Primary elections for mayor and city council will be held in September, followed by general elections taking place in November, according to Ness.

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COURTESY OF DON NESS
Candidate Don Ness



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Committee selects new UMD Vice Chancellor

By Sara Jochems
Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD has selected Randy Hyman as the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Support and Student Life. He was chosen earlier this month by a search committee.

UMD's Greg Fox, who was the chairman for the search committee, was pleased with Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin's decision.

"Randy has held senior leadership at two universities: South Dakota State and Ball State University in Indiana," Fox said.

Hyman has been the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Director of the Graduate Program for Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education at Ball State University, Muncie Indiana, according to the UMD homepage.

Fox gave a list of some of the leadership qualities that

Randy has demonstrated for the schools he used to work at.

"He has done a lot of work for student life, particularly housing," Fox said. "Randy has also done a lot with enrollment management."

Hyman also led campus and community initiatives in support of student health and safety and was the primary university liaison working with off-campus student issues and concerns, according to the UMD homepage.

Hyman was one of three candidates chosen to succeed the current Vice Chancellor Bruce Gildseth.

"He was the first one to be interviewed on March 5," Fox said.

Currently living in Indiana, Randy will be moving to Duluth sometime in the summer to begin his title as Vice Chancellor.

"His term doesn't begin



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**Vice Chancellor Elect
Randy Hyman.**

until July 1," Fox said. "He will be coming into Duluth a couple more times."

Hyman was unavailable for comment.

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UMD promotes 'Sexual Assault Awareness month'

By Melissa Schmidt
Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD is gearing up to participate in events to promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Duluth community.

With one in four college-aged women being sexually assaulted nationwide, it is important that students are aware of the amount of sexual violence out there, said former student Sarah Fries.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is meant to get students involved in these events as well as getting the issues of sexual violence out in the open, and students are encouraged to participate in these events during April, according to Fries.

"Stop by the Women's Resource and Action Center at 266 Kirby Student Center to pick up a teal ribbon to help raise awareness of sexual assault," said Katy Brandes, student intern for the Women's Resource and Action Center.

While only one month of the year is dedicated to awareness of sexual violence, this violence happens all year-round.

"I can only hope that people will be more aware of the incidence of sexual assault in our society, and they will help in the effort to put an end to such violence," said Brandes.

UMD will be hosting several events throughout the month.

"Don't Speak My Mother's Name in Vain"

UMD is co-sponsoring Rae-na McNeal as she performs a one-woman show at Sacred Heart n Monday, April 16, according to junior Emily Mueller. This show is a free performance, but donations will be given to support Take Back the Night, according to Mueller. McNeal's performance uses songs and dances to portray different African American women characters throughout history and their experience with sexual violence, she said.

"What is Love? Power and Control in College Relationships"

On April 17, Ed Heisler, of Safe Haven shelter, will be bringing a panel of students and community members for a presentation called "What is Love? Power and Control in College Relationships" held in the Kirby Lounge, according to Brandes.

Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol"

Friday, April 18, this film will be shown at noon in KSC 273, said Brandes.

This show is a free performance, but free donations will be given to support Take Back the Night, according to Mueller. McNeal's performance uses songs and dances to portray different African American women characters throughout history and their experience with sexual violence, said Mueller.

Take Back the Night march

"Take Back the Night is a city-wide march that is a protest to end violence against women and children in particular but also to end violence in general," said Mueller.

This began in Europe in the 1970s and came to the U.S. in San Francisco in 1978. Since then, it has spread all across the country, according to Mueller.

Take Back the Night will be held in Duluth on Thursday, April 26 (at the Washington Center) with free food and entertainment from 5 p.m.-6:45 p.m. and the march and rally to follow from 7 p.m.-9:45 p.m., according to Mueller.

Fries said these events will be good to raise awareness among UMD students.

"When college-aged boys make comments about getting a girl drunk with the intention of 'getting some action,' that's sexual assault," she said.

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COLLEGEnews

Rutgers retaliate

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — The Rutgers women's basketball team will meet with embattled radio host Don Imus, and their coach on Tuesday called his comments "racist and sexist remarks that are deplorable, despicable and unconscionable."

Players stopped short of saying whether they thought Imus should be fired. Effective Monday, Imus has been suspended for two weeks for calling the Rutgers female basketball players "nappy-headed hos."

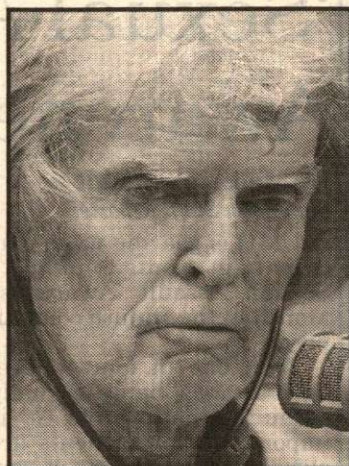
"We all agreed the meeting with Mr. Imus will help," Essence Carson, a member of the team that lost the NCAA women's championship game to Tennessee last week, said. "We do hope to get something accomplished during this meeting."

Teammate Matee Ajavon said: "I could say that we honestly don't know what to expect from Don Imus and what we will plan on asking him is his reasons and how you could just say things that you have not put any thought to? Right now I can't really say if we have come to a conclusion of whether we will accept the apology. What I can say I think this meeting will be crucial for us, the state of New Jersey and everybody representing us."

Head coach C. Vivian Stringer said her players "are the best this nation has to offer, and we are so very fortunate to have them at Rutgers University. They are young ladies of class distinction. They are articulate, they are gifted. They are God's representatives in every sense of the word."

She said it's not about the players "as black or nappy-headed. It's about us as a people. When there is not equality for all, or when there has been denied equality for one, there has been denied equality for all."

She further said: "While they worked hard in the



AP PHOTO

Don Imus talks to his listeners.

classroom and accomplished so much and used their gifts and talents, you know, to bring the smiles and the pride within this state in so many people, we had to experience racist and sexist remarks that are deplorable, despicable, abominable and unconscionable. It hurts me."

Imus started the firestorm after Rutgers lost the championship game. He was speaking with producer Bernard McGuirk and said "that's some rough girls from Rutgers. Man, they got tattoos."

"Some hardcore hos," McGuirk said.

"That's some nappy-headed hos there, I'm going to tell you that," Imus said.

Imus' comments about the Rutgers players struck a chord, in part, because it was aimed at a group of young women enjoying athletic success.

"What I did was make a stupid, idiotic mistake in a comedy context," Imus said on his show Tuesday morning, the final week before his suspension starts.

Of the two-week suspension by MSNBC and CBS Radio, he said: "I think it's appropriate, and I am going to try to serve it with some dignity."

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Gopher rape case still unsolved

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Three University of Minnesota football players were released from police custody on Monday, but investigators said they would continue probing the reported rape of an 18-year-old woman last week.

The players were arrested on Friday and questioned about the attack. By law, Hennepin County prosecutors had a deadline of noon Monday to decide whether to file formal

charges against the players or release them.

The players have been identified by the university as Alex Daniels, 20, a defensive end from Columbus, Ohio; Keith Massey, 20, a cornerback from Columbus; and E.J. Jones, running back from Edwardsville, Ill.

The University of Minnesota's Police Department received a report on Friday that the woman was raped sometime between late Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The vic-

Minn. soldier adds to Iraq death toll

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A soldier from Woodbury has died of wounds suffered in an attack in Afghanistan, the Defense Department said Monday.

Army Spec. Conor G. Masterson, 21, died Saturday of wounds he suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near

his vehicle.

Masterson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, based at Hohenfels, Germany.

His death raised the number of people with strong Minnesota ties who have died to 57.

UMD athletes banned from Facebook profiles

DULUTH, Minn. (AP)—The University of Minnesota Duluth has asked its athletes to stop using networking Web sites like Facebook and MySpace after Web postings resulted in disciplinary action last year.

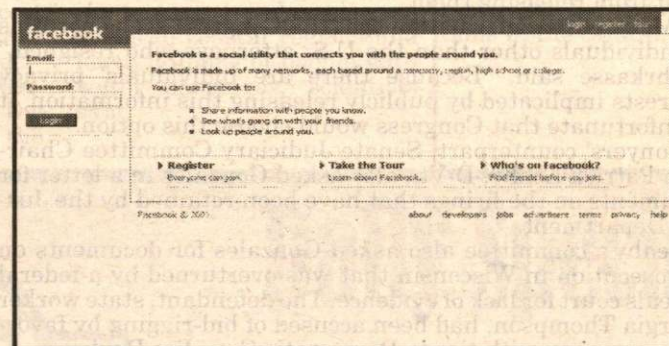
"Student athletes are very much known and so unfortunately scrutinized to a higher degree," athletic director Bob Nielson said. "We're not trying to, in the long range, prohibit student athletes from being involved in these kinds of things but educating them."

Officials haven't provided more information on the postings that led to the policy.

The school's policy refers to derogatory comments about athletes or athletic department personnel posted on Web sites, as well as pictures of underage drinking and other inappropriate behavior.

Nonetheless, many athletes at the school were still registered Facebook users as of late last week, including about half of the football team not including seniors who have finished their time with the team as well as a few male and female hockey players. Some displayed pictures of themselves wearing team jerseys.

Nielson noted that questionable material on athlete sites is sought by the Web site badjocks.com, which posts reports of misbehaving athletes.



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Gonzales subpoenaed | Student loan provider settles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats subpoenaed Attorney General Alberto Gonzales for more documents Tuesday, escalating their fight with the Bush administration over the firings of eight U.S. attorneys.

The subpoena, issued a week before Gonzales is to testify under oath before Congress about the dismissals, seeks hundreds of documents either withheld or heavily blacked out by his department. The subpoena set Monday deadline for Gonzales to produce the documents.

"We have been patient in Gonzales, Attorney General allowing the department to work through its concerns regarding the sensitive nature of some of these materials," House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., wrote Gonzales in a letter accompanying the subpoena. "Unfortunately, the department has not indicated any meaningful willingness to find a way to meet."

Responding, Justice spokesman Brian Roehrkaske stopped short of saying the department would fight the subpoena. But he said legal concerns about violating privacy rights of people mentioned in the documents have kept the Justice Department from releasing them.

"Much of the information that the Congress seeks pertains to individuals other than the U.S. attorneys who resigned," Roehrkaske said. "Because there are individuals' privacy interests implicated by publicly releasing this information, it is unfortunate that Congress would choose this option."

Conyers' counterpart, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., also asked Gonzales in a letter for documents on the firings that have been retained by the Justice Department.

Leahy's committee also asked Gonzales for documents on a prosecution in Wisconsin that was overturned by a federal appeals court for lack of evidence. The defendant, state worker Georgia Thompson, had been accused of bid-rigging by favoring a company with ties to Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle.

Officials said the House request included the full text of all documents that had been partially or completely blacked out in the Justice Department's initial release of more than 3,000 pages last month, including some U.S. attorney evaluations.

Justice officials also said the request also included an unredacted list ranking the performance and standing of each of the 93 U.S. attorneys. Government officials have previously confirmed that Chicago-based prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, one of the Justice Department's premier U.S. attorneys, was ranked as "not distinguished." In addition, the documents being sought include any correspondence with journalists about the firing.

Democrats who control Congress say statements by Gonzales and his lieutenants, three of whom have resigned in the aftermath of the dismissals, have raised questions over whether the ousters were politically motivated.

The Justice Department denies that. Gonzales' former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, told Leahy's committee last month that the firings were a "benign rather than sinister story."

Conyers' subpoena was the first issued by Congress over the firings. But his committee and Leahy's also have authorized the two chairmen to issue, at their discretion, subpoenas for several of Gonzales' top aides, White House political adviser Karl Rove, former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and some of their aides.

Along with the subpoenas, Conyers released letters of negotiation between his committee and the Justice Department dating to March 8.

The Justice Department responded by releasing more than 3,000 documents, including internal communications between agency officials, White House aides and some of the fired prosecutors. But substantial portions of the documents released were blacked out.



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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The nation's largest student-loan provider will alter its business practices and pay \$2 million into a fund to educate students and parents about the financial aid industry as part of a settlement in a widening probe of the student loan industry.

SLM Corp., commonly known as Sallie Mae, also agreed to adopt a code of conduct created by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, who is heading the probe.

Cuomo said the expanding investigation of the \$85 billion student loan industry has found numerous arrangements that benefited schools and lenders at the expense of students. Investigators say lenders have provided all-expense-paid trips for college financial aid officers to exotic locations who then directed students to the lenders.

Cuomo is now investigating alleged kickbacks to school officials who steered students to certain lenders.

Investigators found that many colleges have established "preferred lender" lists and entered into revenue sharing and other financial arrangements with those lenders. Some colleges have "exclusive" preferred lender agreements with the companies.

The newly established code of conduct prohibits revenue sharing between lenders and schools, mandates disclosure of relationships between colleges and lenders, sets restrictions on how lenders are chosen for school "preferred lender" lists, and bans gifts or trips

to university employees from lenders.

Sallie Mae is the second lender to agree to the code, which is aimed at making the loan process more transparent.

Citibank, which does business at about 3,000 schools, last week agreed to donate \$2 million to the same fund as part of a settlement with the Attorney General's office.

So far, six schools the University of Pennsylvania, New York University, Syracuse University, Fordham University, Long Island University and St. John's University have agreed to reimburse students a total of \$3.27 million for inflated loan prices caused by revenue sharing agreements, Cuomo said.

Those schools, along with all 29 four-year State University of New York campuses and St. Lawrence University, also agreed to abide by the code of conduct.

Within the past week, six financial aid officers at various schools and a federal Department of Education official were placed on leave after Cuomo's office said they received stock, consulting fees or other compensation from Student Loan Xpress. The company was acquired by CIT Group Inc. in 2005 when it bought Education Lending Group Inc.

Last week, Cuomo sent subpoenas to Reston, Va.-based Sallie Mae, requesting information on any current or former employees who had worked at the Education Department over the past six years.

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Severe climate changes could mean disaster

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Warming temperatures could result in food shortages for 130 million people across Asia by 2050 and cause potentially catastrophic problems in Africa, wiping out one of the continent's staple crops altogether, according to a U.N. report released Tuesday.

Climate change threatens the ecologically rich Great Barrier Reef and sub-Antarctic islands, and could melt the snow on Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro, according to the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

A summary of the full, 1,572-page document written and reviewed by 441 scientists was released Friday. The latest document, the second of four reports including the summary, tries to explain how global warming is changing life around the world, region by region.

The report suggests that a 3.6-degree increase in mean air temperature could

decrease rain-fed rice yields by 5 percent to 12 percent in China. In Bangladesh, rice production may fall by just under 10 percent and wheat by a third by the year 2050.

The drops in yields combined with rising populations could put close to 50 million extra people at risk of hunger by 2020, 132 million by 2050 and 266 million by 2080, the report said.

Water shortages will also become more common in India as the Himalayan glaciers decline, while nearly 100 million people annually will face the risk of floods from seas that are expected to rise in Asia between 0.04 inches to 0.12 inches annually, slightly higher than the global average.

The report said Africa is the continent most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The fallout from a swiftly warming planet, extreme weather, flooding and outbreaks of disease will only exacerbate troubles in the world's poorest continent,



Car being washed away in Sant Antoni de Calonge, Spain.

said Anthony Nyong, one of the lead authors.

The panel predicts that sea levels could rise on the eastern Africa coast, leading to flooding that could cost 10 percent of each country's gross domestic product aid.

Wheat, a staple in Africa, may disappear from the continent by the 2080s, the

report said.

In Europe's Mediterranean region, climate change will sap electric power generation, reverse long-standing tourism trends, raise sea levels in coastal regions and leave millions of people with water shortages, scientists said.

Deadly battle erupts in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A raging, daylong battle erupted in central Baghdad on Tuesday and four Iraqi soldiers were killed, 16 U.S. soldiers were wounded and a U.S. helicopter was hit by ground fire at the close of the second month of the massive security crackdown on the capital.

Sixty miles to the north, in the mostly Sunni city of Muqadiyah, a woman with a suicide vest strapped beneath her black Muslim robe blew herself up in the midst of 200 Iraqi police recruits. The attack killed at least 16 men waiting to learn if they had been hired.

The security crackdown, which began Feb. 14 and will see nearly 170,000 American forces in Iraq by the end of May, has curbed some sectarian attacks and assassinations in the capital.

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Man swam the Amazon

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A 52-year-old man who swam the 3,272-mile length of the Amazon River was released from the hospital Monday and recovering from health problems brought on by the 65-day swim, his son said.

Slovenian Martin Strel was hospitalized with high blood pressure and dizziness on Sunday immediately after completing the swim.

"He still hasn't completely recovered, of course. That's going to take some time," said his son and project coordinator, Borut Strel. "But he is better now."

Martin Strel canceled an appearance at a news conference Sunday because of illness. He reportedly lost about 26 pounds during the swim.

Averaging about 50 miles a day after setting off from



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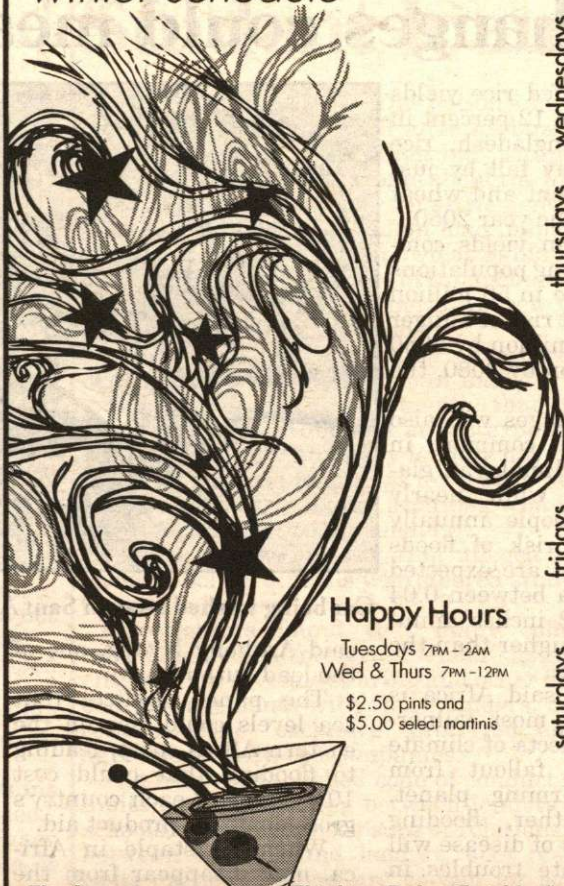
Martin Strel during his swim through the river.

the river's source in Peru on Feb. 1, Strel contended with exhaustion and delirium as well as the piranhas, alligators and bloodsucking toothpick fish that inhabit the world's second-longest river.

If confirmed by Guinness World Records, it will be the fourth time he has broken a distance swimming record.

In 2000, Strel swam the length of Europe's 1,866-mile Danube River. He broke his own record two years later when he swam 2,360 miles down the Mississippi, and in 2004 he swam 2,487 miles along China's Yangtze.

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would go to make up for the lost tuition, which is currently set at about \$8 million dollars.

"This loss will be compensated with an increase in tuition for UMD students of about 5 percent," said Fox.

UMD is behind the times when it comes to credit banding in the state of Minnesota as well as the rest of the country.

"The Twin Cities campus has been doing this for 5 years," said Fox, "Since then there has been an increase in a four-year graduation rate among incoming freshmen from 15 to 40 percent."

Another benefit Fox pointed out was that instead of graduating in 5 or 6 years, students would be able to

graduate in 4 to 5 years, depending on their field of study.

"This banding encourages students to take an extra class or two and potentially get out of college sooner than the current rate," Fox said.

Junior Alyce Junker is happy about the credit banding because she can plan ahead.

"Next semester I am taking between 16 and 18 credits," Junker said. "I'm very happy about this change because it will make budgeting my schooling and money less stressful."

The amount a student could potentially save is significant, depending on the amount of credits he/she decides to take.

"A student who is taking 18 credits will save more

than \$1000," Fox said.

Sophomore Angela Ristow feels that the banding of credits is beneficial for a persons' well-being.

"I think it's good because you can have fun," Ristow said. "You could take a recreational class or one that doesn't require a lot of thinking, and not have to worry about the cost of it."

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have shown interest in the disc golf course said Carl Seehus, Director of DPRD.

"Lake Superior College will serve as a valuable community asset in the development of the disc golf course. With the growing popularity of disc golf we anticipate the students of LSC and other area colleges will utilize the facility," said Seehus.

Many students are excited to finally have a public disc golf course in the area.

"I think that a disc golf course is absolutely necessary for Duluth," said Matt Wenger, an LSC student who is happy to have the new course so close to his school. "Granted there are already a few around town, but they are on private property, and the only way to

hear about them is word of mouth. For an outdoor oriented city, I was shocked when I moved here that there wasn't an abundance of courses."

Installing the 18 baskets and tee pads, signs, mulch, two picnic benches and tables, will be the collaborative effort of volunteer disc golf players, DPRD workers, and members of the newly created Disc Golf Committee, said Seehus.

The public, as well as most UMD students, haven't heard about the future course, as this is the first publicizing the DPRD has done.

"That's pretty sweet, I'm stoked and thrilled all rolled into one," said UMD freshman Eric Palan. "I had no idea they were putting a new course in. I definitely plan on participating."

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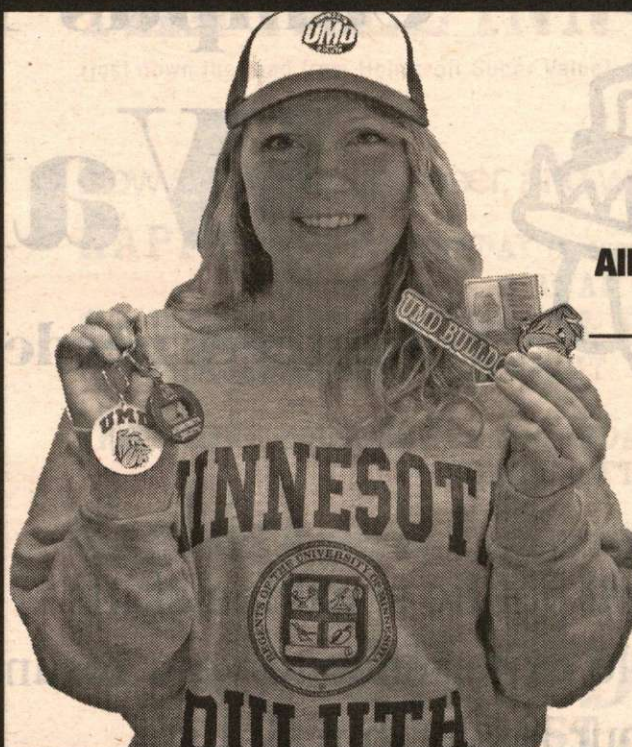
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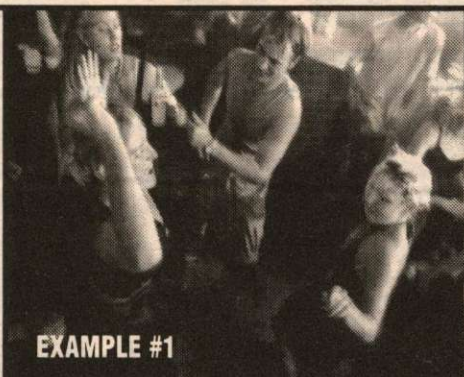


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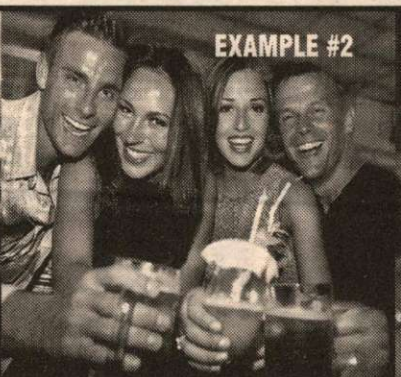


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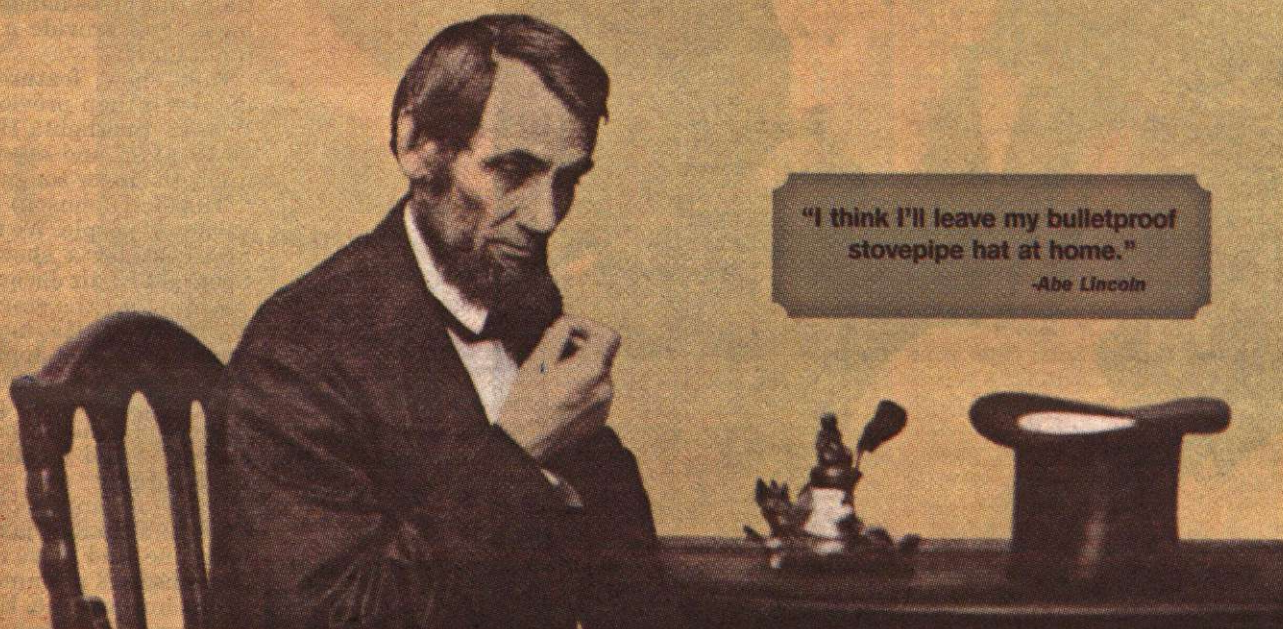


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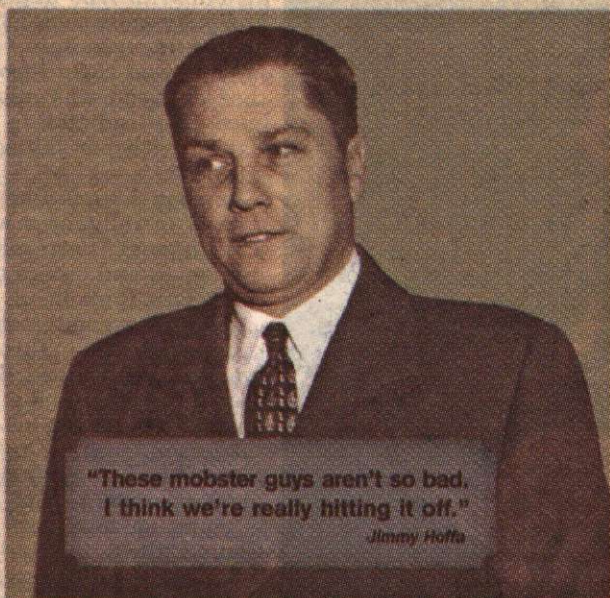


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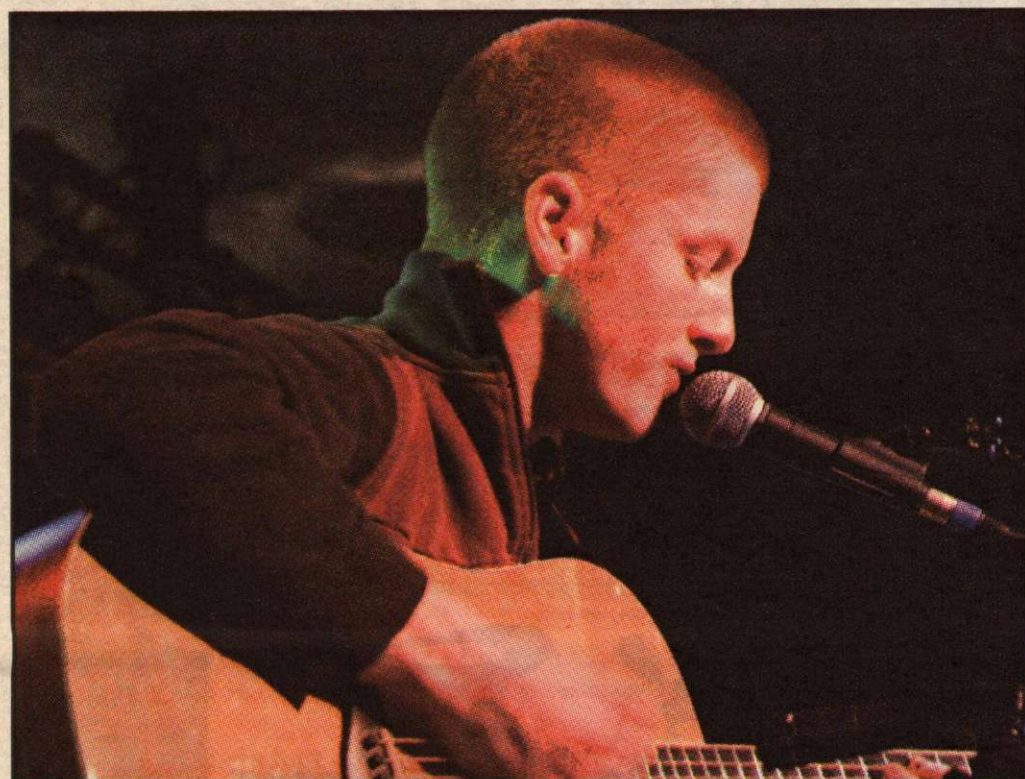
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Arts & Entertainment

Thursday, April 12, 2007

Semester's last 'Spotlight' ultra bright



Left: UMD Alum Zach White plays his acoustic guitar as the opening act for this semester's last "Spotlight on UMD."

Below: Jeff Johnson (right), is a prominent figure in the Minneapolis music scene. To his left is bassist Aaron Fabbrini. The crowd reaction to both artists was very positive.



By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday night in the Rafters featured the last of the UMD Spotlights of the semester. Kirby Program Board has put together several shows this year that highlighted music in our own community. Essentially this gives bands a venue to expose their music and provide a fan base in their own community.

This show featured a more laid back approach than previously on Kirby Program Board's Spotlight. Headliner Jeff Johnson, UMD alum and opener Zach White, junior, are both singer songwriters.

"His (Jeff Johnson) music appeals to a wide variety of people. We thought we should bring him back for a showcase of his own," said Spotlight Chair Jacqueline Wivinus.

White took the stage with his acoustic to a warm crowd. His music was warm but had some uncommon approaches. His tenor voice was uneasy on top of the guitar. He played irregular beats and patterns that had some balance. He has a potential to build on his strengths and headline a spotlight show in the future.

"Zach is an inspirational person," said freshman Emily Ojanen. "His love extends to everyone, and I love listening to his music."

Johnson is prominent name in the Minneapolis music scene. He has shared success by opening nationally acclaimed acts like Mason Jennings.

He played Tuesday's show with bassist Aaron Fabbrini who added very skilled playing and put a more complete ground for Johnson's skilled finger guitar.

What was clear throughout the show was that Johnson was appreciative of the audience. He radiated a relaxed atmosphere. Paired with his skilled playing, it made for a fun set.

Johnson sounds like an artist with a wide variety of influences which is why he has a wide appeal. Parts showed his classic folk influences and others even revealed evidence of acoustic Radiohead.

"He is very comfortable on stage and entertaining to listen to throughout the show," said fan and sophomore Becca Ludwig. "I have seen him before and enjoy him because of his lyrics. They have a lot of meaning," she said.

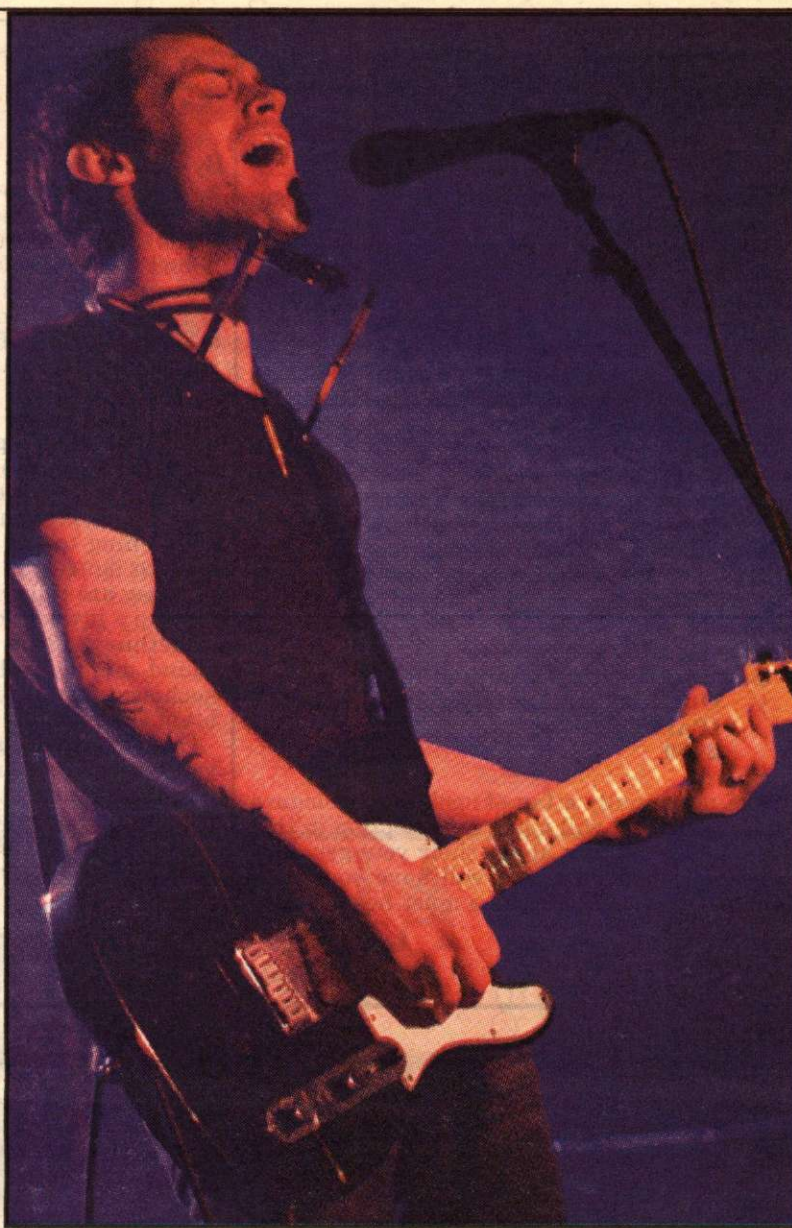
Johnson seemed to have captured some more fans. The audience reacted overwhelmingly positive to the performance. Johnson is going on tour with nationally syndicated Cloud Cult.

"I love the college scene; I like playing in the Rafters because it creates an intimate setting," said Johnson.

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2 nights plus 5 bands equals Late Night Kirby success



Rocky Votolato sang to the Kirby Ballroom last Wednesday, April 4.

LARAMIE CARLSON/STATESMAN

By Ron Parpart
Statesman Staff Reporter

In less than 48 hours last week, Late Night Kirby hosted five separate bands all with one common goal: to entertain UMD students for minimal charge.

REVIEW The first of three acts to take the stage was Colorado's Drag the River, who played an acoustic set of what are otherwise plugged-in songs.

Drag the River played songs that musically were easy to follow in a Johnny Cash sort of way, with a Southern rock voice and lyrics that told stories of a sorted past. Playing after Drag the River was Owen, a solo artist from Illinois who brought with him a unique sound that was melodic in every note and brutally honest in every lyric. His voice was refreshingly untrained and soulful, and his hands seemed to be constantly moving across his guitar's frets, creating a wall of acoustic sound that seemed to never lie dormant.

After Owen was through his set and done sharing friendly/entertaining banter with the crowd, Rocky Votolato took the stage. Usually a solo act, Votolato actually played this set backed by a bassist and drummer, whose contributions actually nicely accented his music rather than overpowering it.

Votolato's songs are powerful and usually border on a mix of indie folk, with steel guitar hints of country.

Although his set was disrupted when the fire alarm was set off, those who stuck around were

lucky enough to see him play "White Daisy Passing" a second time, going straight into "Portland is Leaving." At one point he even took requests from the crowd, overall making it a very informal, personal show that everyone in attendance will probably remember for some time.

Last Tuesday, I found myself in the Kirby Rafters to see two bands I'd never directly heard of before aside from the usual "yeah, they're pretty good." The first of these was Headlights, a band from Illinois that has a sound you swear you've heard before, in a different way just better. Imagine if Rooney wrote songs that stayed fresh, interesting and inventive the entire way through, and that'd be a good start to describe what you'd hear from Headlights. There's a great dynamic between the lead female vocals and the back up male vocals that go hand-in-hand with the atmospheric guitar work and a strong rhythm section.

Live, they were something to see, not only playing well as a practiced whole but also using a melodic build-up of noise, guitar feedback and rhythm in between songs to get you excited for what was to come next.

After the Headlights, Page France took the stage, showing their ability as musicians right from the start with more than one member switching off instruments as the set continued. They've got a kind of big-band folk sound that grabs your attention and makes you want to dance along with every beat.

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HBO star to share acting experiences in upcoming Sieur Du Luth Festival

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

A press conference with Chancellor Kathryn Martin and School of Fine Arts Dean Jack Bowman on April 3 introduced the schedule for the second annual Sieur Du Luth Summer Arts Festival. The Festival covers a wide variety of fine arts that extend from children's theater to opera and more.

UMD hosted its first festival last summer, but this summer holds some new things that community members and participants alike should really look forward to.

First, the introduction of a new television acting workshop. This program features UMD alumnist and the star of HBO's "Big Love," Joel McKinnon Miller.

Miller also participated in theatrical acting, which provides a broad perspective to his teaching.

The second exciting thing about this year's festival is the increased amount of people outside UMD. There are 120 international students participating in contrast to last year's 20.

"What sets this festival apart from last year's is that there is a large international component," said Bowman. "We have two conductors from Sicily and Paris and students from around the world including Italy, France, Turkey, China, Korea and Mexico."

The festival will begin on June 27 with "A Year with Frog and Toad," a theater rendition of the acclaimed children's books. Directed by Martin, it is one of the few times that children's theater will appear at UMD.

"I am really looking forward to working with the students, I think we will have a wonderful time," said Martin.

Sieur Du Luth will also feature two classic operas that feature the guest conductors Pierre Calmelet for "Carmen" and Gaetano Colajanni for "Lucia di Lammermoor." There is also a third opera, "Opera Aria Gala" to conclude the opera program for the festivities.

"The festival provides more chances for students and gives them an intense and professional environment," said Pat Dennis, chair of the Department of Theatre.

The festival also includes musical acts with chamber concerts as well as its more contemporary partners, jazz and big band. These music programs also feature notables UMD pianist Ryan Fane and the Jim Melde Big Band. The big band will be performing at the Congdon Estate.

"I believe that the Sieur Du Luth festival falls into the mission of the Music Department," said Interim Chair of the Department of Music Jeanne Doty. "The festival includes a collaborative process, diversity in music and public outreach."

The festival this year has high expectations according to Bowman. The breath of the program, is that it lasts two months long and the comprehensive schedule will be attractive to students.

More information on the arts festival can be found at the Web site www.umdartsfest.com. Most of the events are half priced for students.

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Weekly Five

By John Brosius
Statesman Staff Reporter

1. **"No Way Back" by The Foo Fighters**
"In Your Honor"
2005

This newly-released single off their sixth and most recent album shows the Foo Fighters still have it. Sounding more like something off of their first two albums, this ode to the past is a heavy, head-banging track. You'll be playing air-drums in no time.

2. **"Time After Time" by Quietdrive**
"When All That's Left Is You"
2006

You have to be careful when doing a cover song, you can't just play it exactly how it was released; then you're nothing but a bar band. You have to take an already great and classic tune, like Cyndi Lauper's 1984 classic "Time After Time" and put your own spin on it something that Quietdrive does a great job of.

3. **"Everything for Free" by K's Choice**
"K's Choice Live"
2001

When a brother and sister decided to leave

Belgium and try to make it big in the music industry in the good ol' U. S. of A., they had no idea that one song could get them the recognition that they wanted. "Everything for Free" is a track that has it all; great vocals, guitar and a catchy refrain.

4. **"Back in the High Life Again" by Steve Winwood**
"Back in the High Life"
1986

Many artists spend years writing and producing music and never see their single on the Billboard charts. Steve Winwood has been there over 23 times. This song always puts me in a better mood, and I'm sure it will do the same for you.

5. **"SpottieOttieDopalicious" by Outkast**
"Da Art Of Storytelling" (Part 1)"
2000

I'm not usually a fan of spoken monologues in music, but I will make an exception in this case. With a story about their younger days and a trumpet line that will have you whistling all day, this track is a must-hear.

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GOOD LISTENING

By Amber Vesel
Statesman Staff Reporter

The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus released their album, "Don't You Fake It," from Virgin Records in mid 2006. However, the band is only now gaining a bit of popularity with their single "Face Down." For those of you who can't figure out what the hell this song is, think of a little bit of punk-rock music with a bit like Sum 41.

The band, out of Jacksonville, Fla. has put out a kick-ass CD bound to spin from start to end without skipping songs. The band's objective is to write straight forward rock songs that are REAL and you can relate to, according to their MySpace site.

Listening to the actual lyrics of the songs, it's pretty easy to figure out what type of typical high school drama they are referring to. While the content of the songs may be a little much to deal with at times, their sound is something a little different than the norm though their sound might be shaded with influences of other bands such as Sum 41, Simple Plan, Blink 182... maybe even a bit of Green Day.

Give The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus a quick listen and you will soon be able to figure out whether or not you like their music at all. They self proclaim themselves as pop, punk, rock and screamo group, which may not be for everyone. But they can definitely satisfy that need for rocking it out once in a while.

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One song may be 'hot' but the album is definitely not

By Amber Vesel
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"This is why, this is why, this is why I'm hot..." Chances are you've heard the latest single from New York's newest representative, whether it be on the radio or on a guy's cell phone in class. However, if you're into the **REVIEW** song, don't buy into what Music Is My Savior (MIMS) has on the rest of his album. Capitol Records released MIMS' debut album March 2007, but from this perspective, the rest of the CD has little to offer. As Christian Hoard, of Rolling Stone magazine, states, "MIMS can't carry a whole album."

Reasons for MIMS' lack of excellence on his album are not in short supply. For one, the flow of the tracks doesn't work well. MIMS goes from an intro to the generic gospel/funk-backed track, then jets off between "This is Why I'm Hot" and then a slow jam and then back to a hot beat. Essentially, there is no rhyme or reason to the order of the songs. They don't allow the mood change needed for each particular set of lyrics.

Another reason MIMS can't compete is due to a slight lack of creativity. Not that any of the songs were short of technology's wonders, it's just that some of them sound like they could have come from a P. Diddy track from two years ago; each song seems to somehow have been inspired by an earlier version.

Interested in hearing more of the original "This Is Why I'm Hot?" Get it off the net for \$.99 along with any other hits he might pull out of his back pocket. The CD is just not worth the \$10 you'd have to pay for it.

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Entertainment Spotlight

Horoscopes

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

Aries:

Mar 21- Apr 19

Your energy is extremely abundant this week. Be sure to channel it into something productive or creative. If you let this new found amenity go to waste, you will regret not taking advantage of it.

Taurus:

Apr 20- May 20

Typically, you're a very social person who needs to be surrounded with a social scene. Don't be surprised if you find you have a great desire for alone time this week. Take time out of the group to be by yourself and reflect on whatever you may need to think about.

Gemini:

May 21- June 20

Recently, you have been engulfed in bad decision making and it's time to start being a more rational thinker! Take your time to think through all of the consequences of your decisions before you act.

Cancer:

Jun 21- Jul 22

Get your work done early in the week; the weekend will bring much amusement and activity. Leaving the work for the last minute will be exhausting and might even minimize your exciting weekend.

Leo:

Jul 23- Aug 22

A new opportunity is soon to come your way. Be open to the thoughts of others and be very aware of your own feelings towards change.

Virgo:

Aug 23- Sept 22

It would be unwise for you to pretend

that you are comfortable in issues of relationships and family life. Letting your true feelings be known will prevent an awkward situation from happening in the future. Although it may be a challenge, the outcome will be favorable to all.

Libra:

Sept 23 - Oct 22

Your emotions are very transparent today and those around you might be more apt to ask how you are feeling. Take the opportunity to talk and share what you are feeling underneath the surface.

Scorpio:

Oct 23- Nov 21

Rest is a high commodity for you this week. Take every opportunity that you can get to relax and nap. Storing your energy will come as beneficial to you in the near future as stress gets high.

Sagittarius:

Nov 22- Dec 21

Choosing your words wisely today might come as a challenge. Stay calm when making small talk and think before you speak words of importance.

Capricorn:

Dec 22- Jan 19

Don't let others take you for granted, your hard work deserves to be rewarded and it is unfair for you to settle for anything less than you deserve. Let your intentions and needs be heard, and don't allow others to treat you with disrespect.

Aquarius:

Jan 20- Feb 18

This week you will help out a friend in dire need. It may not seem like a tasking job for you, but your generosity will be greatly appreciated and returned in the near future.

Pisces:

Feb 19- Mar 20

Future events are clouding your mind to the point where you are unable to see the present. Rather than worry about the future, try to plan for it and seek advice from friends or family if needed.

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Our View

•Possible reasons the Duluth-Superior area lacks young adults

Coming with little surprise to most students are the results of a recent study by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. The study found that the number of 24-30-year-olds who remain remaining in the area after graduation is significantly low.

The foundation working to understand and address the issues causing the exodus, is composed of 14 community leaders. The in-depth survey was conducted in 2006, and the board has recognized several issues contributing to the problem. While they see jobs as one of the casual issues, the board feels the community needs to focus on taking youth more seriously to truly impact retention of college grads.

The foundation's strategy is well thought out and headed in the right direction, but one might suggest that the focus could be slightly adjusted. Consideration must be given to the fact that most of college students in the area are not native to the region. While it is certainly desirable to retain some of those students, perhaps a greater focus on keeping local high school graduates is in order.

The large number of students attending the many area colleges who are from the Twin Cities are going to be hard to retain. These students grew up in the 16th largest metropolitan area in the country, competing with the job market, the social scene and the networks.

For the same reasons, Duluth/Superior needs to connect with its own children

and then focus on connecting with the college students from the Twin Cities and the rest of Minnesota/Wisconsin.

Those who grow up in the region have stronger family and social networks and are more familiar with the geography, the residents and the businesses. There is something to be said for the significant number of people leaving the area upon high school graduation, attending college and settling somewhere else. These grads leave because they recognize early on in high school that there isn't much to look forward to if they stay in Duluth after graduating. More is needed to develop that connection early on.

Of need in the area are better quality and more modern: radio stations, TV outlets, nightclubs, coffee shops, technology stores, etc. The general product/service availability in the area isn't varied enough for 18-30-year olds. The lack of affordable, modern living arrangements makes the area feel old and tired. In addition, the generally negative relationship between young adults and the local police and landlords is an issue that needs addressing as well. And of course, competitive and attractive career fields are most important.

The foundation has recognized the coming baby-boomer retirement as an opportunity to offer jobs for those graduating from area colleges. Assuming the jobs are picked up by these grads and the 24-30 population grows, one must wonder if the growth will only be temporary if the community doesn't focus on modernizing to the demands of its children.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speak up and people will listen

Do you know who Yvonne Prettner-Solon is? I didn't know until recently when I made a conscious decision to become more active in the decisions that are being made. A very obvious lack of activism and desire for social and political change has plagued our generation. It turns out Yvonne Prettner-Solon is the state senator that represents Duluth and all the students at UMD. She is also the chair of the energy committee and a decisive vote on whether Minnesota acts to stop global warming. I learned all this and how to influence her vote through MPIRG. Before I joined, I had no previous knowledge of how the system even worked.

Our tuition is skyrocketing, jobs are scarce, the environment is being degraded and

yet decisions are being made about the future without the voice of students. MPIRG, however, has a voice.

MPIRG has an influence. You can come in, help, have an influence as well and make changes in the right directions as to how we trade with other countries or how we tackle the issues of global warming and homelessness. In the meantime, you can get involved by going to the Free Democracy Summit, which as one person put it is "the best event in Duluth." Oh yeah... it is completely organized by UMD students! If you speak, they will listen... and MPIRG is speaking.

Eleni Johnson
UMD freshman



Credit banding cheats some students

I'm concerned about a recent decision made here at UMD. Upon first hearing about this whole banding credits business it sounded like a good idea. However, this plan includes the price you pay per credit is going up X amount of dollars. True this is going to save future generations of UMD students a fair amount of cash but for me it means I'll be dishing out even more.

The banding of credits

starts in fall semester, which just so happens to be my last semester at UMD and being my last semester I cleverly devised it at the beginning of this year so that I'll only be taking three classes. How did I cleverly devise it? By taking 16 credits last semester and 17 this semester. Unfortunately for me, I had to pay for the seven credits above the 13 for each semester and will be paying an extra chunk of money in the

fall so that others can benefit from this program.

I think that UMD should either initiate a program for people in this position to continue paying the same price per credit as they have in the past or reimburse students for the semester or two they overloaded themselves with classes.

Eric J. Simon

Letters to the Editor and Guest Columns

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OPINION

Thursday, April 12, 2007

Bilingualism not 'ghetto'

By Vlady Messing
Statesman Staff Writer

In all honesty, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is a moron. Gingrich, who is currently considering seeking the Republican Presidential nomination in 2008, spoke before the National Federation of Republican Women last Saturday on issues concerning bilingual education in the American elementary and secondary school systems.

There is one particular comment from the speech Gingrich made that serves as a representation of the speech's ridiculous nature and Gingrich's irrational and unenlightened political agenda. As reported by CNN, the speech reads, "the American people believe English should be the official language of the government... We should replace bilingual education with immersion in English, so that people learn the common language of the country and they learn the language of prosperity, not the language of living in a ghetto."

Well done, Gingrich, you're absolutely right. For all those who do not speak English, yet live in America, surely must be living in ghettos. And thank you very much, Gingrich, for embracing the senseless ignorance that continues to loom at large among a naive and close-minded population of America's culture.

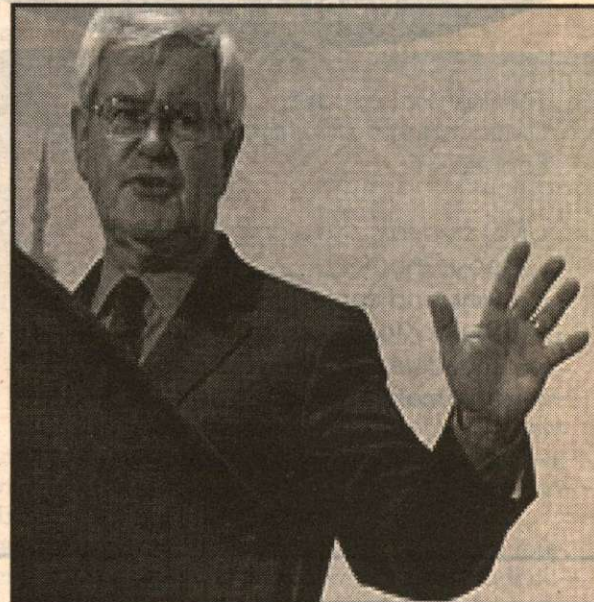
English is not going to disappear. To a great extent, it seems that English has become the international language of global communication. If anything has disappeared, it is the connection

between reality and politicians like Gingrich, along with those who support his views.

If America is to maintain itself as a future global leader in all respects, it is absolutely necessary that the younger generations indulge in foreign cultures and languages. This will embrace, not exploit, popular American culture. It will not degrade, but improve, America's relationships with foreign nations, relationships that in many instances have recently been ruined due to the support of and action by the Bush administration's ignorant foreign policies and obsession with America's military muscle.

Gingrich's proposal of banning foreign languages within America's educational system would help breed a new generation of ignorant, unilateral American populist zealots. It would breed a new generation of ethnocentric, selfish individuals who would grow up to look after nothing except America's interests. As more coffins wrapped in American flags continue to be shipped home, we continue to learn the hard way what this kind of outlook leads to.

A new generation of American bilingual speakers, however, would help push our world in a new direction: a direction toward acceptance, a direction closer to peace. With the knowledge of foreign language, inevitably comes the knowledge of foreign culture, foreign religions, foreign philosophies and foreign ways of life. Knowledge breeds understanding, which often breeds acceptance, which in turn brings peace. In the dawn of globalization, America's existence is part of a reciprocal



AP PHOTO

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich spoke at the National Federation of Republican Women on Saturday, March 31, stating that bilingual education should be replaced with English-only education.

scheme. America's own profits are part of a universal order of shared wins and losses. Therefore, the rise of bilingual Americans will be the rise of positive global progression.

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New immigration laws are problematic

By Brian Peltier
Statesman Staff Writer

She crossed the border between Mexico and the United States when she was 21 years old and six months pregnant, and at age 24 she is facing the possibility of being deported to her native country. All she can think of how this is going to affect her kids.

This is a common scenario in the United States for immigrant families who have come to the United States to obtain a better life and in the process have had a child.

The United States citizen-by-birth right states that any child born inside the United States is to be considered a U.S. citizen. This creates problems for some immigrant families—problems with no simple answer.

The issue in courts is that although the child is considered a U.S. citizen, the parents, if originally illegal immigrants, are still illegal and aren't granted citizen-

ship as a result of their child. This allows for parents and families to be separated from their children.

Some parents are fighting back, saying that if they are deported their children will experience hardship. If parents can prove that this is the case, they are sometimes granted U.S. citizenship as a result.

An Associated Press article published on May 22, 2006 and obtained from msnbc.com gives this scenario: "As immigration debate rages, two million families face risk of separation." This article provided the story of Luz Maria Medrano: "Even though Luz Maria Medrano of Las Vegas was ordered to be deported along with her second husband, the couple won permanent residency after a six-year legal battle when a judge found her 7-year-old, U.S.-born son would not receive proper treatment for his learning disability in Mexico."

Although some may agree with this scenario, others feel that even if a child is born in the U.S. they shouldn't automatically be deemed a U.S. citizen. Opponents state that if

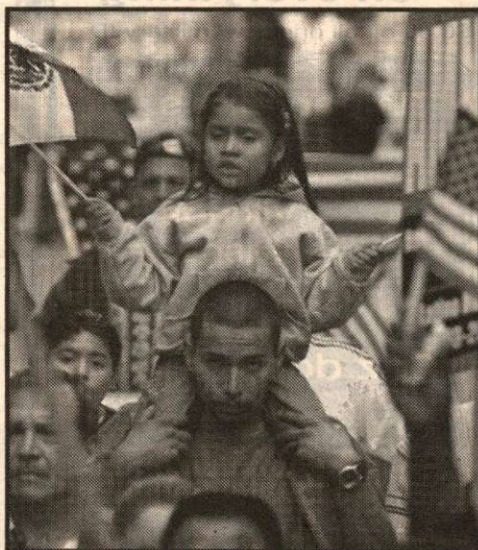
the U.S. were to continue supporting this law, immigrants would be simply coming here and having these "anchor babies" to secure and obtain a U.S. citizenship.

The other issue at hand is: is it morally right to deport the parents of U.S. citizens?

One thing that is clear is that the U.S. immigration law and the citizen-by-birth right contradict one another. If the U.S. policy is to deport any illegal aliens, why is the citizen-by-birth right still implemented?

The debate is something I am not inclined to and cannot credibly give a solution to. The truth is that the topic is not black and white. Until either the citizen-by-birth right or the current U.S. immigration policies are updated, the two will continue to contradict one another. This will continue to be the case until there is a clear and precise policy on immigration.

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5-year-old Jennifer Moreno rides atop her father Adrian Moreno's shoulders at an immigration protest rally last Saturday, April 7, in Los Angeles, Calif.

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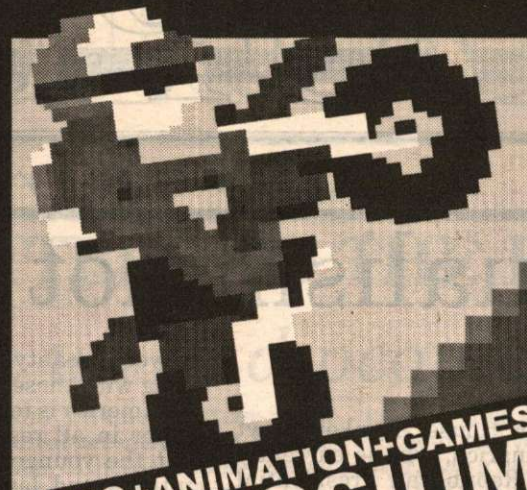
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Humor

Vampires plague UMD campus

By Stephen Jacobs
Statesman Staff Writer

What is the greatest danger facing UMD right now, you ask? Hippies! No wait, anyone who seriously wants to bash a loosely defined group of people whose main goals are to get along and enjoy life, most likely pulled the wings off of flies as a child and quite possibly continues to do so. Care to try again?

I'm talking, of course, about vampires. Yes, vampires. They have bided their time in the nightclubs of Europe where they could indulge in orgiastic blood raves and a handful of Wesley Snipes movies. However, an increasing number have made the time honored voyage across the ocean following in the footsteps of the original Nosferatu.

Why does this concern me, you

ask? Have you stopped taking your medication again, you ask? The answers for those questions are: because, yes and what medication?

I talked with leading vampire expert Dr. Andrew Reilly about our new nocturnal friends and what their presence here means to us "normies." Dr. Reilly was readily available for interview as he is currently attending UMD for a degree in Music Composition since the field of Vampirical Studies has fallen on hard times.

Statesman (St): What is the cause of



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Police rendering of the suspect. If seen, call 911. Police advise using extreme caution and not approaching him.

the increasing level of vampires in the Duluth area?

Dr. Reilly: That's a tough question. I don't think anyone, vampire or not, can produce a satisfactory answer for their reasoning behind coming to Duluth.

St: Are these vampires dangerous?

Dr. Reilly: Well, the stigma of the heartless murdering vampire has been blown way out of proportion. In truth, they only feast on mid-level bureaucrats and other individuals who have no chance of being missed. The occasional picnic basket has also

been swiped.

St: So there's no danger in growing vampire numbers whatsoever?

Dr. Reilly: I wouldn't go that far. It is a well-known fact that the circadian rhythm of the vampire is much different than that of your normal human. The result of this is the notorious vampire party which starts up just as hard working students are trying to get their sleep. Vampire parties spontaneously arrange with little or no warning and continue until the first light of day. They are in fact, the leading cause of vandalism and tomfoolery on this campus.

So there you have it, serious allegations from a very serious individual all seriously put forth for your serious consideration, seriously.

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Letters to People

By Austin Bowyer
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Dear Lincoln Park Middle School's Kiddie Corner Staff Writers,

I know you're busy and all, but I would like to ask for your help. It seems that the UMD's publication, *The Statesman*, has been lacking a little flare, and I am asking you to provide some samples of your very informative articles to re-shape our image.

It would be much appreciated if you could donate any previously written articles. I especially enjoyed your extensive analysis of glue-sticks in your article "Glue-sticks; What your parents don't want you to know

about horsy heaven."

Whatever you could provide would be great, because I know for a fact that our readers are getting tired of articles on college drinking. Also the Humor section is appalling. I've laughed twice at it, and that was only because they misspelled astronaut with two "s."

"Help us Lincoln Middle School; you're our only hope."

Sincerely,
Austin Bowyer

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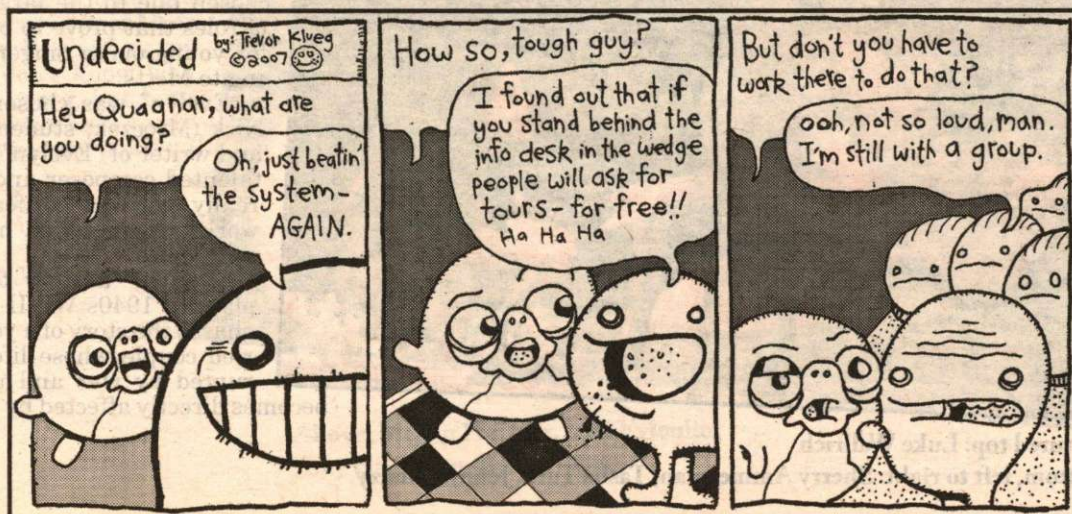
TOPTEN

Things I Like About Working At A Restaurant

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

10. I know what's in the mayo. I still eat it, but at least I know.
9. Spatulas are good for hitting people in the ass.
8. Hungry? Why wait?
7. In the summer, screw air conditioning, hang out in the ginormous freezer.
6. Every restaurant has at least one drug dealer; I don't do drugs, but it's nice to know where they are.
5. Deep fryer experiments, i.e. plastic army men
4. Easy revenge on all those assholes from high school, i.e. rat poison omelet
3. Singing: "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders make me angry"
2. The hot grill-on-grill action
1. I put in my two-week notice, so this "Top Ten" is now null and void, and you wasted time reading it, sucker.

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EVELYN

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

Opera is typically a concept that might appear alien to the average college student. The only examples the average person might think of rests in stereotypes of round women with Viking hats belting out foreign songs of love. It is important not to let these often false stereotypes of opera deter you from experiencing something new and entertaining. Opera has actually become an annual occurrence at UMD and this spring's performances are sure to be a stimulating experience.

"It's been kind of a race to the finish. Both shows were involved very technically, but the students have really stepped up, and they've been so excited about the music, that's what's been really great for me," said professor Calland Metts, who also directs part of the double header opera, "Gionni Schicchi."

"Gionni Schicchi" was written by Giacomo Puccini. It is set in 14th century Florence, Italy and tells the story of great comedic entertainment. The plot is based on the seeking of inheritance of a wealthy man who has relatives who wish to take all his possessions for themselves. Gionni Schicchi arrives in the midst of the chaos and "sees to it that the relatives get what they deserve," said Metts.

Every fall the music department does a scene recital opera and then in the spring, a four year cycle is put into place which includes: a chamber opera, a large production at the DECC, collaboration with the theatre department and an Italian festival at the DECC. Most of the students featured in this spring's operas

are from a class taught by Metts titled Opera Studio. The students involved in the production are mostly music and theatre students, with the exception of a few. Anyone was welcome to audition for the production of these operas and these particular operas were chosen due to the large amount of roles that prove to be suitable for young opera singers, according to Metts.

"Evelyn" was chosen because Nick (Mroczek, student director and writer of "Evelyn") is such a talented composer and we were really thrilled to feature the world premiere of his piece," said Metts.

"Evelyn," a story that takes place in 1940s WWII America, shares the story of a young married couple whose life is interrupted by war and ultimately becomes directly affected by the bomb-

ing of Pearl Harbor. Government, war, battle, women's roles and death are all addressed in this opera.

"It's an opera... somebody has to die," said Mroczek. "I've always wanted to do an opera. I originally started off with one scene. I had written some poetry, and then it was what would be called a concert piece and since then I've just kind of elaborated on that. I had no intention of it actually happening."

Mroczek's work was written and completed in less than a year, and the music has been orchestrated and rewritten to accommodate ever-changing conflicts.

"As far as I know, there are very few undergraduate students who get an opportunity like this, anywhere, not just UMD. It's going to be amazing," he said.

Mroczek's opera was written based off the lifestyle of his older relatives and almost all of the characters and character names are based off his own grandparents' names. In addition to that, the photograph that is featured on the poster and program is an actual photograph of this grandparents, taken sometime in the 1940s.

"Nick's brand new opera and a couple of the characters are written for us," said Amy Hagensen, a senior vocal and music performer, who is featured in both operas. "My character is my personality to a T. It's written exactly to my voice, exactly to who I am, and to bring these characters to life is so much fun. Knowing that it's brand new, fresh, and then to pair "Evelyn" with "Gionni Schicchi," which is a long time standing tradition in opera, combines the old and the new; two masterpieces, is really exciting. And to play in Weber... we are doing things in Weber that haven't been done yet."

"Gionni Schicchi" and "Evelyn" premiere tomorrow night in the Weber Music Hall at 7:30 p.m.

"Come see it. Everyone should give opera a chance; it's not scary," said Mroczek. "Both operas are in English, so you can understand it. I don't know why people are so afraid of opera, but here is a short opera. You won't have to sit there for three hours to get the plot."

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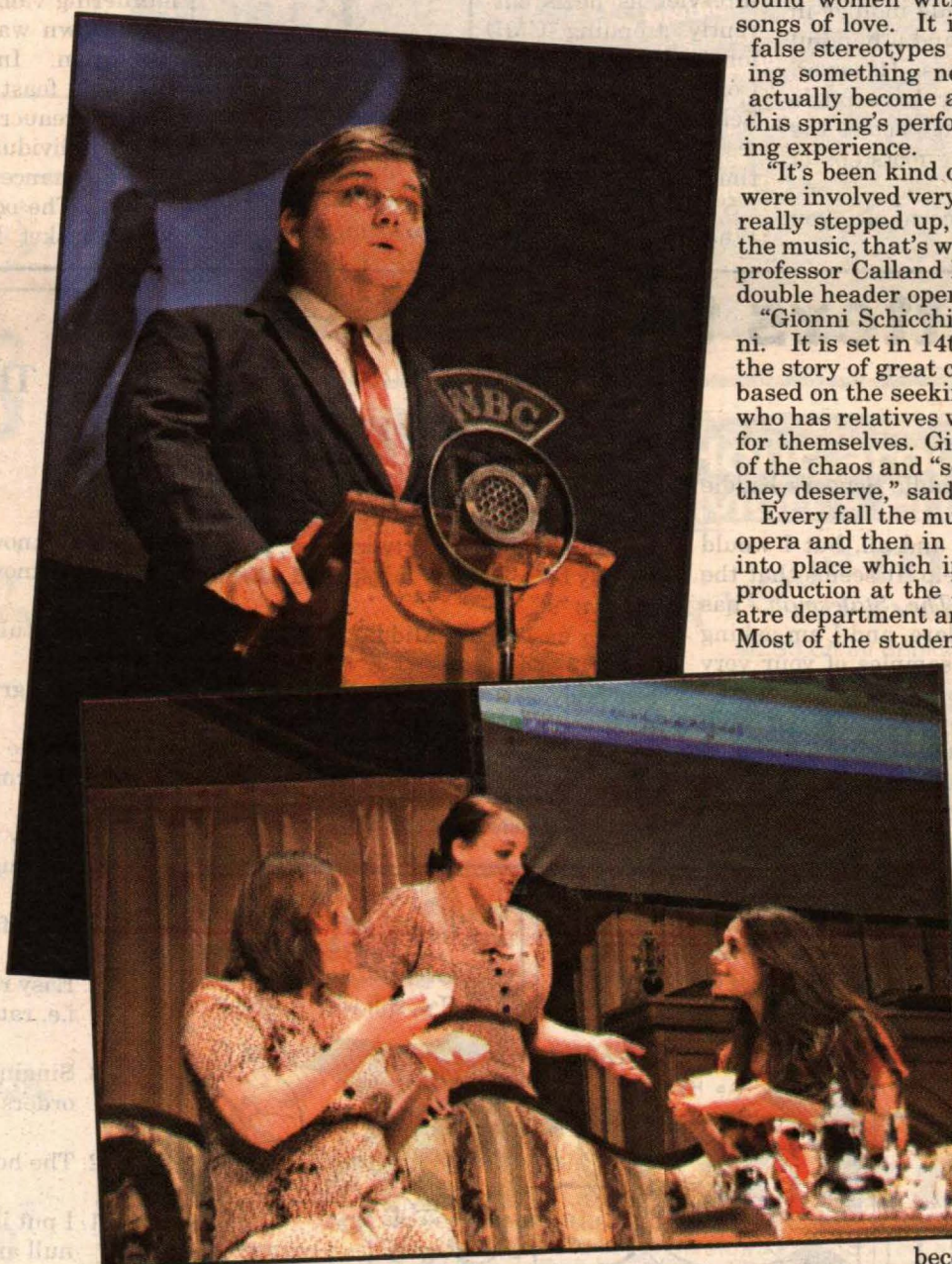
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GIONNI SCHICCHI

Left to right: Amy Hagensen, Megan Habiger, Jean Evlenlin



Above: Megan Habiger, Jean Evlenlin, Amy Hagensen, Ben Brecker



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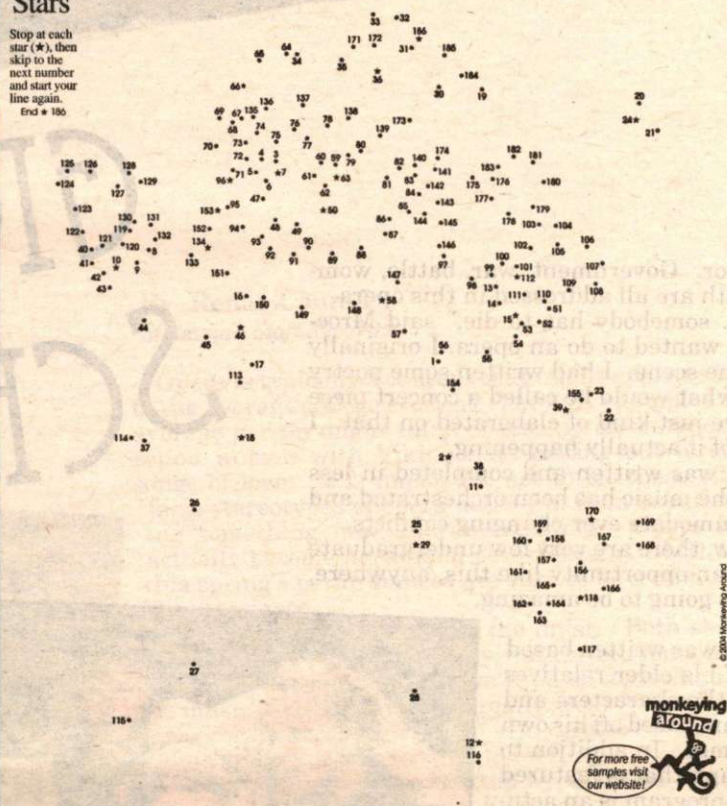
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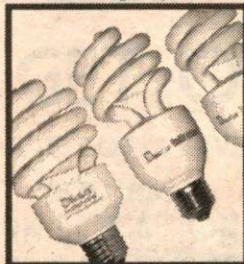
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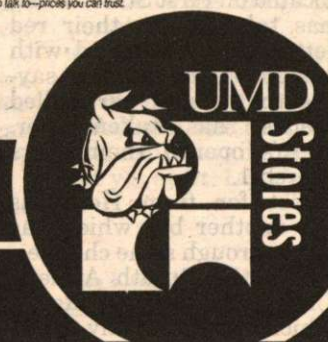
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Thursday, April 12, 2007

Plastic surgery sweeps American society

By Lisa Kunkel
Statesman Staff Reporter

From brow lifts to tummy tucks, plastic surgery is a growing craze that's sweeping the nation and the Northland.

In 2006 more people than ever got plastic surgery in the United States with nearly 11 million cosmetic surgeries performed, according to an article on msnbc.com.

Doctor Edgar Saldana, a plastic surgeon at St. Luke's Medical Center in Duluth, said Duluth, though still lacking in some areas, is catching up with the craze.

"I think it's a nation-wide phenomenon," Saldana said.

Saldana said he performs anywhere from 250-300 surgeries a year.

"I do a lot of breast augmentations and eyelid surgery, also, a lot of Botox," said Saldana.

Saldana said abdominalplasty, also known as a "tummy tuck," is one of the most common procedures. This procedure entails removing excess skin and fat from the abdomen and then tightening those muscles, according to www.plasticsurgery.org.

In the United States, "the most popular cosmetic choice was breast augmentation," said the MSNBC article. This is the first time "breast jobs" have passed nose reshaping surgery, according to the article.

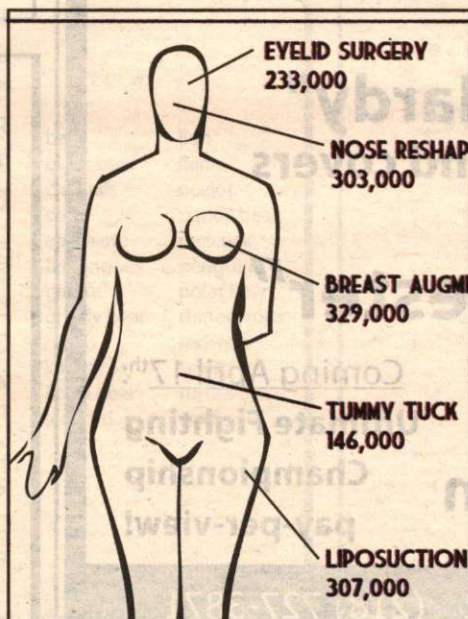
Saldana said the same procedures were also common in the Northland.

Anyone over the age of 18 can be a candidate for plastic surgery. Children, too, with parental consent, are often operated on.

"Parents will come in with their child for cosmetic surgery," Saldana said. "The most common thing for them is nasal reconstruction."

Saldana said that females' noses are fully developed at age 14, which is why it is a reasonable surgery for someone at such a young age.

He said if someone is feeling self-conscious they may be a good candidate. If someone's nose is really large or misshapen in their teens, it is not something that will change with age or exercise like other areas of the body



GRAPHIC BY KELLY GUNELSON

Statistics of plastic surgeries in 2006 from the Society of Plastic Surgeons Web site.

may.

"I'm seeing more college students, especially this year," Saldana said.

However, those who want to be operated on for cosmetic reasons are not always granted their wish.

"We do an initial consulta-

tion and a screening to see if they're the right candidate," Saldana said. "We make sure they're doing it for the right reasons."

Along with St. Luke's, the Northland Center for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is another local clinic that specializes in cosmetic surgery.

"Cosmetic surgery's goal is positive change. It is about achieving the most ideal reflection of your self," according to the clinic's Web site.

Though plastic surgery may be becoming more common, it is still costly.

Saldana said breast augmentation usually ranges right around \$5,000 and abdominalplasty can be up to \$6,000.

Liposuction, depending on how much fat is removed, is usually around \$3,000.

Botox injections, however, can start as low as \$100 and range up to \$1,000.

"Because Botox is very safe, most people can have the procedure per-

formed," as stated on www.ncpr.com.

Though Botox may only be hundreds of dollars, other procedures that are more common amongst college students are in the thousands and not in most students' budgets.

Many students have different opinions about cosmetic surgery and people changing their body image.

"I would say you should try to be happy with who you are and try to do other things to try to change your appearance, like exercise," said freshman Lindsey Evermann.

While some college students are wishing they had the money to surgically change their body and some have already done it, others are against the issue altogether.

"I think our differences make us special and that we should learn to be happy with who we are," said freshman Brook Sieben.

Freshman Yosef Kakou said that people should do whatever they feel is necessary.

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The new bar scene hits Duluth with many revamps

By Megan Johnson
Statesman Staff Reporter

While some Duluth bar owners are locking their doors for the last time, others are getting a makeover.

The Pioneer and 21 North have both come under new management. The Pioneer, located on First Street West, has taken down their red letters to be replaced with a sign on the window saying that a new bar, called Hero's, has taken over. Hero's opened their doors March 1.

Not far from Hero's is yet another bar which has gone through some changes. Above the Duluth Athletic Club is the new Tap Room, which was previously the 21

North dance club and bar. 21 North has been closed indefinitely.

"We are all looking forward to the new location," said employee Ryan Hanson. "We will continue our Thursday night specials as well as the live music on the weekends."

The Tap Room opened its doors for the first time in its new location on Monday, April 2.

"I'm glad the Tap Room replaced 21 North," said UMD alumna Valissa Johnson. "But the Pioneer's been bought? That was my favorite bar to wear sweat pants to when I just wanted a beer."

Since the Tap Room's previous location in the Fit-

ger's complex is now empty, rumors circulated that The Runway would be taking its place. While this rumor is not true, the Runway's owner Randy Stoen took over the Tap Room's lease and is opening Lido's Night Club.

The new club will open this Friday, April 13 and will include live music, a video wall where music videos will play, a digital monitor at tables where customers can select the video and music of their choice and also comedy performances on Thursday nights, according to Stoen.

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How to make the city move easier

By Julie Rauscher
Statesman Staff Reporter

Those who plan to move south to the Twin Cities after graduation may find themselves overwhelmed with possibilities that Duluth just doesn't offer.

One choice students might consider is the option of living directly in the city versus the suburbs that surround the metropolises. There are 101 different neighborhoods located in Minneapolis and 127 within St. Paul, according to rent.com. The many options may make it confusing for someone renting in the cities for the first time.

Fortunately, there are options and places that can help you.

Apartment Search by CORT is a company devoted to finding you the apartment you desire at a price even entry level workers can afford.

"We list over 2,000 rental communities across the metro area," said Leah Prah, a relocation specialist at Apartment Search by CORT. "All in all, we feel we have the metro area covered."

This free service offers a consultation with a relocation specialist to preview certain communities in which students may be interested in living, rental information on all apartments, condominiums and town homes prior to the initial visit, and a relocation and rental checklist, which includes guidance on lease procedures. Consultations can also be done by phone or e-mail.

"Instead of spending all weekend looking for your home, you can spend 30 minutes with us," said Prah.

"We'll narrow down your search to the best five to eight options that meet your needs."

The cost of living in Minneapolis is approximately 12 percent lower than the national average; St. Paul is approximately 9 percent lower. However, the average two-bedroom apartment in Minneapolis rents for about \$1,000 while in St. Paul it rents for less at \$800, according to rent.com.

Surprisingly, students may be in better shape if they plan to move to either Minneapolis or St. Paul than they would be remaining in Duluth. The cost of living in Duluth is only 3.9 percent lower than the national average, according to a report put out by St. Louis County in 2002.

However, it seems that many students don't agree.

"The cost of living in the cities sucks," said Nic Dahlman. "And there's too many people, but that's where the jobs are."

Like Dahlman, many students decide to head south to the Twin Cities because that is where they believe the jobs lie. Minneapolis boasts 15 Fortune 500 companies and industries such as finance, high-tech and graphics arts which are rapidly growing, according to rent.com.

If students are still having problems finding places, they should pick up free magazines such as "Apartment" or "Rent" which preview different apartment complexes throughout the entire Twin Cities.

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to change their body, it's up to them to make that choice," Kakou said. "Whatever makes them happy."

Costs aren't the only downfall of plastic surgery, dangers and complications can also occur with many procedures.

"It is surgery, and all the dangers go along with it," Saldana said.

Anytime someone is operated on, risks are involved.

Saldana also said there are a couple new surgeries ready to hit the market that many may not know about.

"One of the things is injectational impalasis," Saldana said. "We're injecting a substance into the body that dissolves fat."

Saldana said that lazer lipo will also be available soon but not yet at St. Luke's.

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Double standard phenomenon uncovered

Why it seems guys can get away with things girls just can't

Sex in the UniverCity

by Mary Callahan

Have you ever wondered why if a man has a high number of sexual partners, he is considered a "playa," but if a woman has multiple partners, she is considered a "slut"?

I have often wondered about this double standard and why society has this gender perception. The term "slut" is used usually in reference to a woman who "sleeps around" or wears revealing clothing. But it seems as though the male version of this, or a "manslut" is idolized by society. I wouldn't want to sleep with a "manslut," but a lot of girls seem to fall victim to these types of guys.

"I constantly find myself attracted to guys who have been with a lot of girls," said a senior female. "These guys never end up being boyfriends because I like the chase more than the catch."

It seems that in some situations,

guys might feel the same way.

"This guy and I were kind of dating, and the minute I told him how many people I had slept with, he started to act like he was disgusted with me," said a senior female. "But I told him that you can't change the past and at least I was honest about it."

Researcher Ira Reiss defined the orthodox double standard as prohibiting premarital sexual intercourse for women but allowing it for men.

"Growing up, it always seemed like such a big deal for girls to lose their virginity because they're saving it for that special someone," said a junior female. "But it never seemed like it mattered when or to whom guys lost it to."

Men have reported sexual intercourse at much earlier ages and have a greater number of lifetime sexual partners than women have, according to an article in The Journal of Sex Research titled, "Does the Double

Standard Still Exist?: Perceptions of Women."

Even some male students agree that this double standard exists.

"My buddies and I are always comparing who has gotten more girls, and the ones who have (had more girls) are pretty much looked up to," said a junior male. "I hate to say it, but men are pigs."

Culture admires "studs," not only because we live in a patriarchal culture, but because we admire someone who can accomplish what

is not easy to accomplish. But on the other hand we look down on people who give away what is much sought after, according to an article titled, "The Slut/Stud Double Standard," on www.psychocats.net.

This double standard states that men are socialized to desire and engage in frequent casual sexual activity with multiple partners, whereas women are encouraged to limit their sexual experiences to

only committed, monogamous relationships, according to research of a social learning theory.

When it came to casual dating relationships, men were more likely than women to prefer partners who were more sexually experienced, according to a survey on durex.com.

"I would never marry a woman who let me have anal sex with her; that's what a girlfriend is for," a senior male said jokingly. "I think that guys tend to date women who are sexually experienced, but prefer less sexually experienced women for a committed relationship."

To me this also seems to feed into the double standard because men would never marry a "slut," but they sure don't mind dating them.

What is ironic to me is that women are told not to "give away" their sexuality, and men are told to "conquer" a woman's sexuality. If you think about it, this has been a cultural belief throughout history. In reality, the only way that this double standard will ever fade away is if people change their own personal attitudes and sexual desires towards one another.

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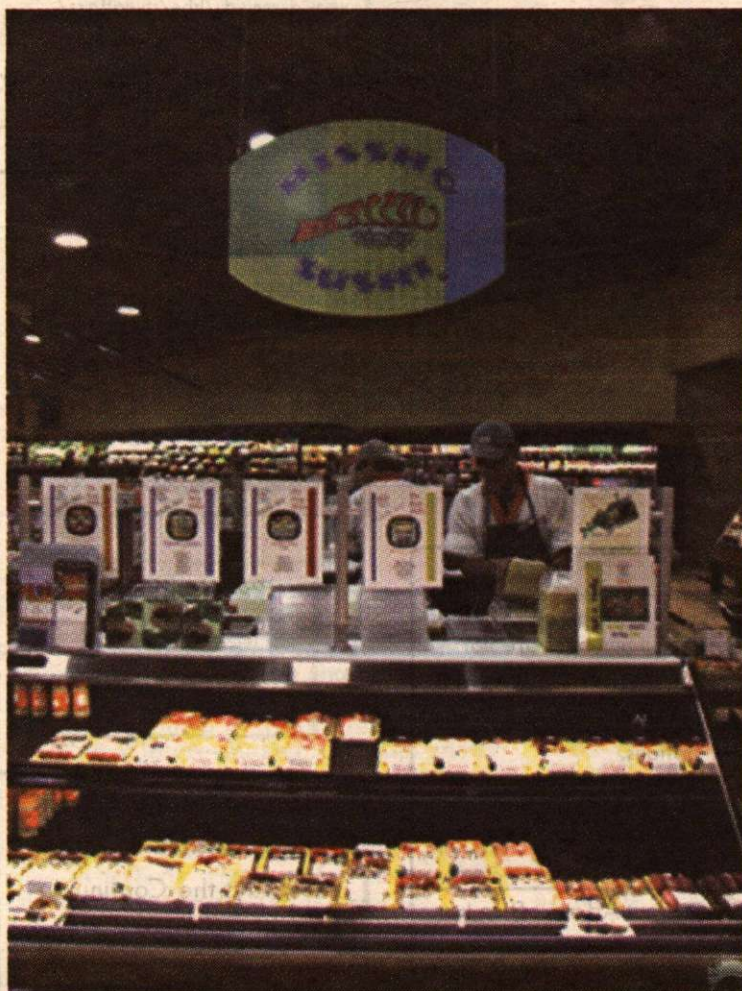


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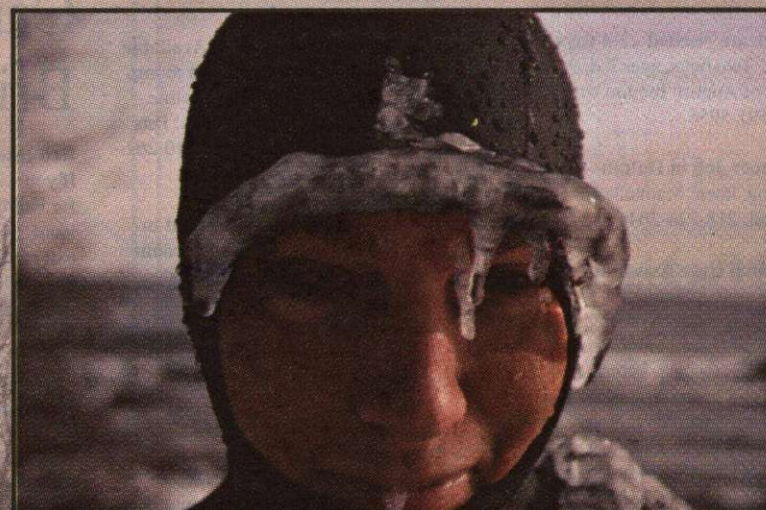
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Outdoors

Thursday, April 12, 2007

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...lake surfers love it

By Luke Kavajecz
Statesman Staff Writer

Perhaps it's a cruel and ironic punishment for complaining to Mother Nature about the lack of snow earlier in the winter. Maybe those who don't believe in global warming made a deal with Old Man Winter—make it cold and snowy when it's supposed to be warm and sunny, and hopefully those scientists will shut their yappers. The fact is that when it snows in April, especially after we've experienced a 70 degree day, most everybody would rather not see the white stuff, everybody except lake surfers.

To a lake surfer, the nastier the weather forecast is, the happier she or he gets. When a fairly reliable meteorologist forecasts a big low pres-

sure system to spin towards Lake Superior, lake surfers start waxing up their boards. These systems that bring on wind, rain and snow make a miserable day, but also create magnificent surf conditions.

It's almost a given that after every significant snowfall in Duluth, a pulsing swell of freshwater waves is marching down the length of the lake and spilling over a granite shelf reef somewhere along the North Shore.

The waves are created from slashing north-east winds, which whip the lake into frenzy and send lake freighters running for shelter, and although these winds may put a snafu in the plan of a down bound ship, lake surfers jump right in.

Ideal surfing conditions come after the storm

has passed, and when most Duluthians are shoveling out their driveways, lake surfers are carving fresh lines upon saltless waves.

Lake surfers are always praying for surf, and praying for surf means praying for bad weather and bad weather means grumpy Duluthians, especially in April. But lake surfers aren't your average Duluthian—they're much crazier than that—and when word spreads that a big storm is headed this way, a happier group of people is hard to find.

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TOP: Laddie Strzok's face is covered with ice after a surf session in Lake Superior's icy waters. ABOVE: Bob Tema sets up for a "tube" during a recent surf while most people were shoveling their sidewalks.

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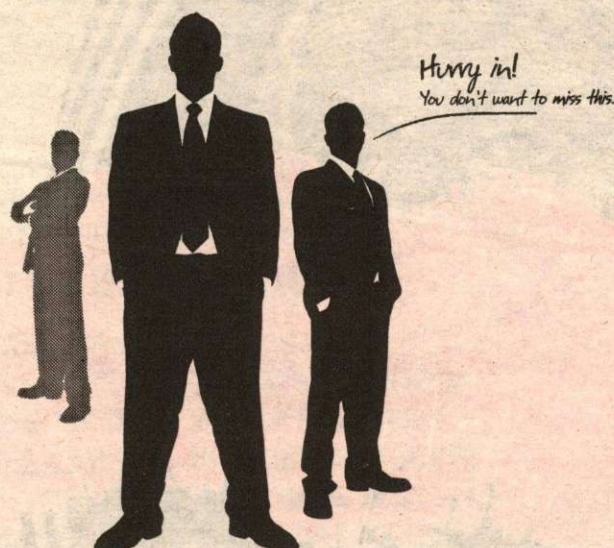
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Rising Crop Prices Fuel Global Inflation

Soaring prices for farm goods, driven in part by demand for crop-based fuels, are pushing up the price of food world-wide.

If the trend gathers momentum, it could contribute to slower global growth by forcing consumers to spend less on other items or spurring central banks to fight inflation by raising interest rates.

One of the chief causes of food-price inflation is new demand for ethanol and biodiesel, which can be made from corn, palm oil, sugar and other crops. That demand has driven up the price of those commodities, leading to higher costs for producers of everything from beef to eggs to soft drinks. Several years of global economic growth—led by China and India—is also raising food consumption, further fanning the inflationary pressures.

U.S. food costs rose 3.1% in February from the year before—one percentage point higher than in mid-2005. Economists expect U.S. food prices to rise faster than the general rate of inflation this year.

If the trend continues, U.S. consumers are likely to see higher prices for on a wide range of products, since corn is used to feed livestock and make high-fructose corn syrup, a key ingredient in many soft drinks.

Student-Aid Probe Widens Its Net

A widening investigation into relationships between financial-aid offices and student-loan companies has turned up officials at three universities who received a total of almost \$160,000 in consulting fees, personal tuition reimbursements and other payments from a lender they recommended to their students, New York investigators say.

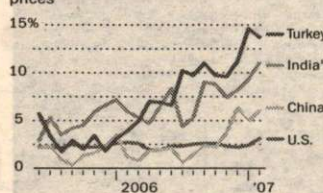
In one case, Student Loan Xpress paid the director of student financial services at Johns Hopkins about \$65,000 in consulting fees and tuition reimbursements for her own studies, investigators said.

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo is seeking to find out whether lenders are being favored for hidden payments they are making to academia—and not because they offer the best lending terms to students. The scandal promises to spur congressional efforts to slash subsidies to lenders in the \$68 billion government student-loan program.

Eight schools have settled with

Grocery Bills

Rate of change from a year earlier in food prices



*Wholesale food prices
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the New York attorney general over allegations resulting from the probe, including the University of Pennsylvania, New York University and Syracuse University. The eight agreed to stop accepting payments, travel and other perks from student lenders. Five also agreed to refund \$3.27 million to students because of revenue-sharing agreements that Mr. Cuomo called kickbacks.

The colleges denied wrongdoing.

Recruiters Say Blogs Help and Hurt

Corporate recruiters have long surfed the Web to vet potential hires. Now they are also surfing blogs to unearth job candidates, gaining insights they say they can't get from résumés and interviews.

Ryan Loken, a Wal-Mart Stores recruitment manager, says he spends one to two hours a week scanning blogs for new talent or additional information about the candidates he has interviewed. Mr. Loken estimates that Web journals have helped him fill 125 corporate jobs in the past three years.

In addition to blogs that focus on their industry or field of interest, recruiters say they check candidates' blogs about noncareer-related topics for evidence of writing skills and clues to how well rounded they are.

Most blog-related recruits are professionals in technology and media because jobs in these fields often require knowledge of the blogosphere, says Kirsten Dixon, a founding partner at Brandego, a career-management firm.

Indiscreet bloggers can derail job opportunities. Russell Glass, a vice president at Zoom Information, says he dropped one job candidate after reading his blog. "My jaw dropped," he says. "The person started to make disparaging remarks about the people he inter-

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Next Step in MP3: Wireless

Yahoo Device Links Users On the Go To Music Service

By Nick Wingfield

A long and distinguished list of companies—including Sony, Microsoft and Samsung—have tried and failed to make deep inroads into the digital music player market dominated by Apple's iPod. Internet giant Yahoo and its partners don't want to join that list.

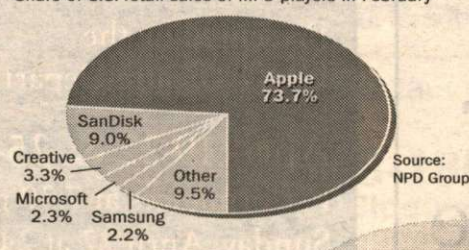
A new wireless MP3 player called the Sansa Connect—the result of a three-way collaboration among Yahoo, MP3 player and storage device maker SanDisk and technology start-up Zing Systems—hit store shelves on April 6. The \$250 device, crafted to work closely with Yahoo's Internet music and other online services, has a novel twist: It's designed to download music from the Internet wirelessly when the user isn't necessarily near a personal computer.

The Sansa Connect is the latest effort to succeed by emulating elements of Apple's iPod formula. Apple's success with its player—about 100 million have been sold to date—results in large part from the product's ease of use. And that's mainly because iPod hardware, software and the online iTunes Store are designed to work together seamlessly.

Apple's rivals in the digital-mu-

iPod Takes Big Bite

Share of U.S. retail sales of MP3 players in February



Source: NPD Group

From left: SanDisk Sansa Connect with Yahoo Music; Microsoft's Zune; Samsung's K3; Creative Technology's Zen V Plus; and Apple's iPod nano



sic market initially sought to compete by introducing players and online music services that weren't as closely integrated, resulting in technical snafus for the products' users. Increasingly, though, software, hardware and online service companies are working together to make their products easier to use. Last year, Microsoft introduced the Zune, made by Toshiba, designed to work with Microsoft's digital music store. So far, though, the Zune hasn't taken off.

SanDisk has done better in the MP3 player market. It quickly rose to No. 2, with 9% of the U.S. market, after it entered the music business a little over two years ago. Among the company's products are a music player, the Sansa e200R, that's designed to work closely with RealNetworks' Rhapsody subscription music service.

Yahoo and its partners are gambling that they can have an impact by offering a new class of con-

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Wendy's Puts Frosty in Hot Seat

BY JANET ADAMY

For nearly four decades, Wendy's served only one kind of Frosty: a vanilla-and-chocolate hybrid thicker than a milk shake yet creamier than most fast-food ice cream. Wendy's founder Dave Thomas refused to add another flavor, fearing it would slow operations behind the counter.

But now, struggling to connect with younger diners, Wendy's is revamping the Frosty, along with the rest of its menu. Inspired by the success of Starbucks Frappuccinos, Wendy's is adding new Frosty flavors, and is tinkering with a coffee-flavored Frosty.

The steps could be vital as the No. 3 hamburger chain faces pressure from an investor group that has three seats on its board and is push-

ing for stronger financial results. Industry observers speculate that Wendy's is a takeover candidate. The company declined to comment.

Wendy's executives say they're in the early stages of a turnaround. Part of the company's problem is having catered too much to the same generation who began visiting Wendy's after it was launched in 1969.

Chief Marketing Officer Ian Rowden wants to focus on customers aged 16 to 34, many of whom are drawn by cheaper food and Web marketing. But some Wendy's franchisees worry that, by targeting younger customers and pushing low-priced items, Wendy's could alienate its loyal, older customers and cheapen its reputation for quality.

Chief Executive Kerri Anderson began tackling the chain's big-

gest problems a year ago: weak marketing, a dearth of new products, poor relations with franchisees, tired-looking stores and unfriendly servers. Expanding the Frosty's palette became a key part of its effort to have more exciting products. Research showed the Frosty is the No. 4 reason people go to Wendy's, behind the chain's square hamburgers, chicken offerings and salads.

Another challenge will be emphasizing the Super Value Menu, made up of items as cheap as 99 cents, without risking the company's reputation for higher-quality food. Franchisees complain they can't make money off of the menu. But price is important for younger diners, and Wendy's has to compete with other chains whose cheap offerings have been critical to their success.

Next Step in MP3: Wireless

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nected devices that are different from iPods but with similarly tight links between hardware and Internet music service. A key feature included in the Sansa Connect, a black device sized like a small stack of business cards, is wireless technology that's commonly used to provide Internet access through home networks and countless cafés, hotel lobbies and other public "hot spots." If Sansa Connect users are within range of a Wi-Fi network, they can connect directly to Yahoo's music services.

Users of the device don't always have to be in range of a Wi-Fi connection to enjoy songs, though. Yahoo offers a subscription music service that permits unlimited song downloads at prices starting at

\$11.99 a month. Subscribers can fill up their Sansa Connects with as many as 1,000 songs and still access them when they leave a hot spot, though they don't permanently own the music. The device also lets users access Yahoo's Flickr photo service so they can browse through their pictures online.

There are limitations to the Sansa Connect, though. For one, it doesn't have a keyboard, so users can't find a song in the service just by typing in an artist's name. It takes a few button clicks instead.

The main idea behind the Sansa is to give users a way to download new music on the go, something the iPod doesn't currently allow users to do.

Some analysts are skeptical that Yahoo's new device will be

able to compete against Apple. "I don't think that anybody is likely to be able to steal share from Apple based on some kind of hardware feature," says Stephen Baker, an analyst at NPD Group.

Cellphones are making better progress with products that marry wireless technologies and music-playing functions. Sony Ericsson, a joint venture between Telefon AB L.M. Ericsson and Sony, sold 20 million Walkman phones by the end of 2006.

However, most users of those devices are loading music from personal song collections on their PCs rather than downloading them wirelessly through cellular carriers' networks.

—Li Yuan contributed to this article.

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Ford Motor rolled out an ultra-powerful Mustang with a 5.4-liter supercharged V8 engine and an upgrade racing pack that boosts output close to 540 horsepower. Ford also promoted a pickup with a 450-horsepower supercharged V8 engine.

It's not clear whether consumers worried about gas prices will broadly embrace high horsepower. Last year, consumers shifted to passenger cars and away from pickup trucks and SUVs amid skyrocketing fuel prices. Still, Mustang sales rose slightly last year, and Hummer sales jumped 26%.

Airlines Get Closer To Profitability

After six years of losing money, airlines world-wide are on course to

make a combined net profit this year of about \$3.8 billion, thanks to improving traffic and efficiency, the International Air Transport Association said. By 2010, Asia will be the world's largest aviation market, accounting for one-third of air traffic.

European airlines account for \$2.4 billion of the profit forecast, and Asian-Pacific airlines for \$1.7 billion. North American airlines, however, will likely lose a combined \$600 million, the group said.

Odds & Ends

The U.S. government said it would file a pair of cases in the World Trade Organization against China aimed at piracy and counterfeiting of U.S. intellectual property. U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said piracy and counterfeiting is "unacceptably high" and action was needed to prevent further losses to U.S. companies and workers. ... Britain banned all military service members from talking to the media in return for payment, reversing its decision to allow the 15 marines and sailors held captive in Iran to sell their stories.

By Jay Hershey

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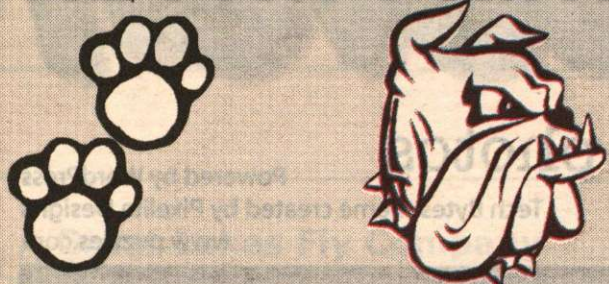
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WHO: CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL (2), NEBRASKA-OMAHA(4), UPPER IOWA (2)

WHEN: APRIL 12 @ 2 P.M., APRIL 14 @ 1 P.M., APRIL 15 @ 12 P.M., APRIL 17 @ 2 P.M.

WHERE: ST. PAUL, MINN. (2), AND DULUTH, MINN. (6)

SOFTBALL

WHAT: CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: APRIL 14-15

WHERE: ST. PAUL, MINN.

TENNIS

WHO: TRUMAN STATE, MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO AND NEBRASKA-OMAHA, AUGUSTANA

WHEN: APRIL 14 @ 11 A.M., 6:30 P.M. AND APRIL 15 @ 12 P.M., 4 P.M.

WHERE: MANKATO, MINN. AND SOUX FALLS, S.D.

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BASEBALL

APRIL 9 MANKATO STATE	MANKATO, MINN.	L 0-22
APRIL 9 MANKATO STATE	MANKATO, MINN.	L 0-3
APRIL 10 MANKATO STATE	MANKATO, MINN.	L 2-6

RECORD: 9-16

SOFTBALL

APRIL 6 NEBRASKA-OMAHA	OMAHA, NE.	W 5-2
APRIL 6 NEBRASKA-OMAHA	OMAHA, NE.	L 3-7
APRIL 9 SOUTH DAKOTA	VERMILLION, SD	W 10-1
APRIL 9 SOUTH DAKOTA	VERMILLION, SD	W 10-6

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Raymond that it wasn't a difficult decision to have UMD come back into the conference and was glad to welcome them back.

Raymond knows that having 14 teams in one conference is a big league, but he says anytime you grow you ask yourself, "Is this a good fit?" Some of the things that need to be focused on are academics, athletic competition, budgets, staff and media, according to Raymond.

The change to the NSIC will allow the Bulldogs to continue rivalries with St. Cloud State and Minnesota State Mankato, who are in the same conference as the hockey teams (Western Collegiate Hockey Association).

The switch will also allow for the volleyball team to have

a renewed conference rivalry with Concordia St. Paul, who they have gone head to head with in the NCAA Division II Regional in the past.

Sport scheduling will be set in July, and Raymond admits that they will have to be creative with a conference this large. UMD will have 14 sports competing in the 17-sport conference.

UMD head football coach Kyle "Bubba" Schweigert isn't concerned about the switch as of yet because it will not affect who they are going to play next season.

"Right now we have our guys focused on spring ball and summer training," said Schweigert. "There are more administrative things that will be addressed later, but it is something the team does not need to focus on right now."

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that she and the team need to buckle down.

"Our upcoming schedule is going to be the toughest of the season, so I am going to focus a point at a time and match at a time," said Wischer. "We will be playing eight matches in two days, so this is going to be a physical test as well as a mental one."

Two matches are in Mankato, Minn., on Saturday against Minnesota State Mankato and Truman State. From there they will travel to Sioux Falls, S.D., to play Nebraska-Omaha and Augustana. Three of the four are conference matches.

Schulz had some thoughts about this weekend's match-

es, which is the last before the NCC tournament.

"We know that we have to come ready for all four of the matches this weekend, both physically and mentally," said Schultz. "Take into consideration the fact that we play four teams; that means that the entire team will play eight matches between doubles and singles for the weekend, and that is a lot of tennis. We (the team) have been gearing up for the Mankato weekend, because it is a big weekend for us, and we want to do well and come home with some wins."

The matches start at 11 a.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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TEE-TIME

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this level and those people, no matter how talented they are, who do not act in a respectable manner, have no place in the league.

The image of the NFL is at stake. Goodell wants to make it clear that he wants his players to clean up their act. Goodell does not want the NFL to look like an organization that condones illegal behavior by its players.

Goodell also announced Tuesday a new conduct policy that results in larger suspensions and fines for violations.

Goodell will also hold the team responsible for the individual player's behavior.

This will hopefully result in the teams themselves implementing conduct policies to

show they are attempting to make the necessary steps to keep the league clean.

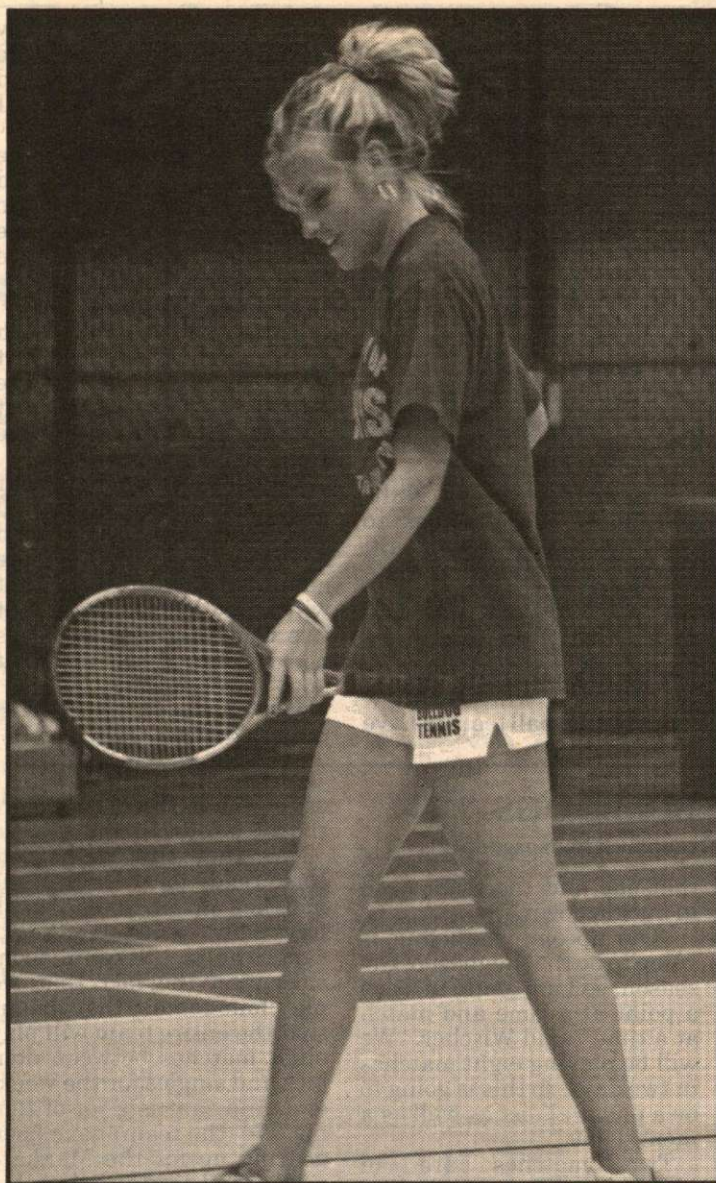
Jones and Henry will now have to prove to the league that they want to come back.

The new NFL commissioner has shown that it is a privilege to play in the league and that people who do not respect that privilege will be swiftly dealt with.

Many professional sports organizations are facing scrutiny for various reasons. Goodell is making the right moves, in cleaning up the NFL.

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Anna Hockett cracks a smile during some down time in practice.

Bulldogs look to finish their streak to end the season

By Jesse Murray
Statesman Staff Reporter

The Bulldog tennis team has stockpiled an impressive amount of wins this season with 14 and a lowly two losses.

The Bulldogs haven't seen much competition lately going matchless for two weeks, but in their last matches, UMD dominated the competition.

In singles, they were truly a force, going 5-1 against Winona State, but unfortunately the doubles matches weren't as successful.

Both the No. 1 (seniors Anna Hockett and Stacy Schulz) and No. 2 (freshmen Brynne Wischer and Kayelyn Johnson) doubles lost, making their final score 6-3.

However, they came back on Sunday, April 1, to sweep the University of Mary 9-0.

By going 2-0 on the weekend, the Bulldogs have extended their win streak to

seven consecutive matches.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs are seniors Hockett (15-1) and Schulz (10-6), who have a 12-4 doubles record, but some of the spotlight belongs to freshman phenom Wischer, who is now 16-0 on the season in the No. 3 singles spot.

Wischer is looking forward to keeping the current streaks going for the rest of the season.

"It feels awesome. Fortunately I have had a junior career that has put me in some high-pressure situations and those experiences have helped me pull off some pretty tight matches," said Wischer. "Being undefeated in singles this far is something I hope to carry on to the conference. I want to keep the streak alive."

Although the season is almost over with only three matches left, Wischer knows **BULLDOGS** to page 45

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By Tajen Stockdale
Statesman Staff Reporter

• New NFL Commissioner lays down the law on two players.

The NFL announced Tuesday that it will be suspending Adam "Pacman" Jones of the Tennessee Titans for the entire 2007 season for violating their personal conduct policy.

Jones got into trouble during the NBA All-Star weekend when he was seen throwing cash into the air in the middle of a crowded strip club in Las Vegas, resulting in a brawl and shooting outside of the club.

The district attorney has not yet cited Jones, but the Las Vegas Police Department has recommended he receive felony charges.

Chris Henry, of the Cincinnati Bengals, also received a large suspension on Tuesday. Henry will miss half of the season due to his off field behavior over the past year.

In the last 14 months, Henry has been arrested four times, providing new NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell with more than enough reason to hand out the eight-week suspension.

Goodell replaced Paul Tagliabue as the NFL commissioner last season.

Since then, Goodell has shown that he has the players on a tight leash and will not put up with inappropriate and illegal behavior by the players off-the-field.

Along with the recent incident in Las Vegas, Jones has been questioned by the police nine other times throughout his NFL career for off-field incidents.

By suspending Jones and Henry, Goodell is sending a message to everyone in the league, especially the younger players.

Whether or not a player will be disciplined by his own team is no longer in question.

Any player can expect to answer to the NFL, not just his own organization, if he gets into trouble on and off

the field.

Last season, nine players on the Cincinnati Bengals were arrested for their off-field behavior.

Bengals' Head Coach Marvin Lewis received a great deal of criticism for not having control of his players. Lewis was not responding to their behavior harshly enough, leaving them with little incentive to change.

Goodell has taken that responsibility into his own hands in this case and will likely continue to do so.

Pacman will not be able to throw cash in the air whenever he pleases anymore.

Neither Jones nor Henry will be paid for the games they miss.

Jones' 2007 base salary is \$1,292,500, none of which he will receive.

Henry will lose at least \$204,000 and possibly more.

The suspensions that Jones and Henry received are completely appropriate.

With the amount of attention they create and receive by the police, they are clearly acting in a manner that



AP PHOTO

Adam "Pacman" Jones (left) of the Tennessee Titans will miss the entire 2007 season. The Cincinnati Bengals' Chris Henry (right) was suspended for the first eight games of the season.

should not be admired.

Professional athletes are adored by kids and fans who dream they could be in their shoes.

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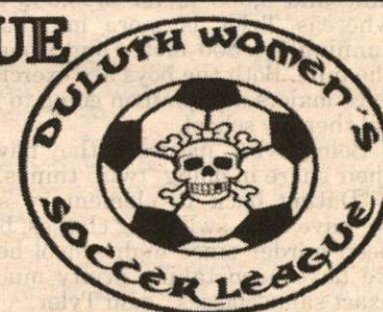
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SPORTS

The tennis team keeps the ball rolling on a seven-game win streak. Story on page 46.



Thursday, April 12, 2007

Seeing double

By Charlene Hudalla
Statesman Staff Reporter

For years the Bjorhus twins have been competing against one another, and not much has changed as sophomores at UMD.

"We are competitive in everything we do, from sports, to school, to who can sled off the biggest hill in Chester Bowl," said Tyler Bjorhus.

"Usually our best performances occur when we compete against each other because we strive so hard to beat each other," said Jordan Bjorhus.

Jordan and Tyler are both members of the UMD indoor and outdoor track and field team. Jordan runs mostly the mile and 3,000 meter or 5,000 meter, whereas Tyler is more mid-distance, running the 800 meter and sometimes the mile. Both the boys are exercise science majors and plan on going to physical therapy school.

Being twins, naturally they have had their share in doing "twin" things.

"Dating back to elementary school, we have been switching classes, but it's been harder since high school because we have been taking pretty much the exact same classes," said Tyler.

Jordan had something to say about the "not so great" things, however, about having a twin.

"A lot of times we are referred to as 'the twins,' and we have had to share many things while growing up, like our car, a cell phone in high school and many dual presents from relatives," said Jordan.

Although the Bjorhus brothers have been so competitive against one another for so long, it's obvious they share more likes than dislikes and just enjoy the competition.

"If I had a chance not to be a twin, I would say no," said Jordan. "I enjoy being a twin, and I think the positives outweigh the negatives."

The brothers from Borup, Minn. began running varsity track for Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School when they were only in 7th grade.

"We both did so well in our elementary school's track and field day each spring that the varsity coach asked us to join as 7th graders," said Tyler.

From 7th to 12th grade, the brothers had a chance to compete in Minnesota's True Team state meet, where their team became state champions their junior and senior year.



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JENNIFER BJORHUS/GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Track isn't the only sport the brothers have competed against one another in. From 2nd to 11th grade they wrestled and usually in the same weight class.

"Every year we would wrestle off for the same spot," said Tyler.

Even the Bjorhus' wrestling coaches knew that this could cause some conflict between the two brothers.

"Our coaches wouldn't let us wrestle off for certain spots on the team because it always got way too physical," said

Above: Tyler Bjorhus (left) and Jordan Bjorhus (right) run alongside each other in a cross-country meet earlier this year. Left: The 20-year-olds jog along the Hudson River on a summer trip to New York City. Jordan Bjorhus (left) and Tyler Bjorhus (right) continually train, even when on vacation.

Jordan. "Multiple bloody noses were caused on the wrestling mats."

Now with only one sport to focus on, the Bjorhus twins look to further their track experience with a meet this weekend at the Bugold Open in Eau Claire, Wisc. at 11 a.m.

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Fourteen UMD sports to rejoin old conference

By Jud Turk
Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD and three other North Central Conference (NCC) teams are leaving the NCC and joining the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC), starting the 2008-2009 season.

The other NCC teams that are making the switch include Augustana College, Minnesota State University Mankato and St. Cloud State University.

The move to the NSIC was a choice UMD had to make, with the University of North and South Dakota going Division I leaving the NCC. The other option would have been to become an independent, but they chose to go back to more familiar ground.

"Getting to this place has been a very interesting process," said UMD Director of Athletics Bob Nielson.

UMD had been a part of the NSIC since 1976 until they made the switch to the NCC prior to the 2004-2005 season.

The switch back to the NSIC was for two reasons: It was in the best interest of the program, and it was what was best for UMD athletes, said Nielson at a press conference Wednesday, April 4.

Nielson compared the change to "going back home but to a new house."

The NSIC will now be comprised of 14 teams over a five-state area with nine institutions coming from Minnesota, two in South Dakota, and one each from Iowa, Nebraska and North Dakota.

"This move is going to enhance the DII division and enhance competitiveness in the conference," said NSIC Commissioner Butch Raymond. Raymond said that it

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